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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Phish fallout:** Fans who turned away at the direction of police because of muddy conditions inside the site of last weekend's Phish festival in Coventry, Vt., will be offered a refund. Dave Werlin, president of the concert promoter Great Northeast Productions, said it troubled him that people who obeyed police in turning around missed the concert, only to learn that many other fans reached the site by parking and walking to the festival.

**Jackson case:** Child molestation allegations by a 12-year-old boy provided authorities with legal justification for a massive search of Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch last year, a judge ruled, rejecting defense efforts to challenge the search as illegal.

In his ruling Tuesday, Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville short-circuited a plan by Jackson's lawyers to call multiple witnesses in an effort to show that prosecutors had insufficient information to justify the invasion of Jackson's estate last November.

**Oklahoma bridge collapse:** A Mississippi towboat company committed two violations of federal law in the 2002 Interstate 40 bridge collapse that killed 14 people, according to a U.S. Coast Guard report.

KOTV in Tulsa, Okla., reported Tuesday that the U.S. Coast Guard has determined Magnolia Marine Transport Co. did not allow its towboat captain enough rest and required him to work too long before the crash.

Federal law prohibits towboat captains from working for more than 12 hours straight. Captain William Joe Dedmon worked 14 hours the day before the May 26, 2002, crash, KOTV said.

**Toxic ground zero:** The Bush administration showed "reckless disregard" for public health after the World Trade Center collapse by failing to warn people of the health risks of breathing toxic smoke and dust at ground zero, an environmental group said Wednesday.

Hundreds of people were sickened because of mistakes made by the government during the recovery and cleanup effort following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack, the Sierra Club said in a report on the environmental and health impacts of the collapse.

**New Jersey governor:** As pressure mounts on both sides of the political aisle for New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey to step down before his self-imposed deadline, Sen. Jon Corzine has begun to explore the idea of running to replace the embattled governor.

Corzine was discussing the possibility of being the party's candidate in a special election with state Democratic leaders Tuesday and gauging support from special interest groups, according to two sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

**Halliburton contracts:** The Pentagon backed off its threat not to pay a Halliburton Co. subsidiary for troop support work, instead giving the company more time to justify its bills to the Army.

The decision late Tuesday was the latest in an ongoing exchange between the mili-



Japanese electronics maker Seiko Epson Corp.'s "Micro Flying Robot," about the size of a giant bug, is adjusted by Wang Wei, a Chinese postgraduate student studying mechanical engineering at Japan's Tsukuba University, during its demonstration at the company's Tokyo office Wednesday. The company hopes the robot will be used for security, disaster rescue and space exploration in the future.

tary and the oil services conglomerate once led by Vice President Dick Cheney.

Earlier Tuesday, Houston-based Halliburton had said the government planned to withhold 15 percent of its monthly payment, or about \$60 million a month, from the company's KBR subsidiary on a contract to provide meal services, laundry, mail and housing for soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

## World

**Venezuela election:** Opposition leaders refused Wednesday to participate in an audit of a referendum that failed to oust Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, dealing a setback to international efforts to dispel allegations of vote-rigging and prevent more upheaval in the politically divided country.

Opposition leaders claimed they had unearthed new evidence of fraud, which they insisted the audit — proposed by former President Jimmy Carter and the Organization of American States — would fail to detect.

**North Korea nuclear talks:** Australia's foreign minister urged North Korean leaders on Wednesday to remain involved in six-nation talks on its nuclear program, amid concerns that Pyongyang may pull out of preparatory meetings for the next round of negotiations.

"I'd been, on arriving here, concerned that the six-party talks process was stalling, and I hoped that we'd been able to add some substantial momentum to that process," Alexander Downer said, according to Australian pool video of his visit received by Associated Press Television News.

In Seoul, South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon said Wednesday that efforts were being made to still hold the working talks, but participants had yet to reach an agreement.



A broken wooden Serbian coat-of-arms from the Communist era is seen on the stand of Serbia's republic Parliament in this 2003 photo. Serbia's Parliament voted on Tuesday to restore its ancient coat-of-arms and a 19th century anthem.

**Serbia coat of arms:** Serbia restored its 19th-century anthem and ancient coat of arms Tuesday, harkening back to its royal history as its people struggle with economic and social hardships.

The emblem represented Serbia before it merged in 1918 with its Balkan neighbors to form Yugoslavia.

The 183 lawmakers in Parliament voted unanimously to adopt the once-royal symbols, despite criticism they were inappropriate for the republic sharing sovereignty with Montenegro.

"These symbols are Serbia's true ones," said Parliament Speaker Predrag Markovic, who insisted Serbia needed to replace its current coat of arms featuring the five-pointed communist Red Star.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

## Correction

A story in Wednesday's editions of Stars and Stripes about additional pay and benefits for service members' families omitted key information. The Hostile Fire/Imminent Danger Pay was raised to \$225 per month in October 2002 on a temporary basis. Congress is working to make that change permanent.

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# Troop move plan raises issues for families

BY SANDRA JONTZ AND  
LISA HORN

Stars and Stripes

Quality of life for servicemembers could suffer if the Pentagon does not plan properly as it embarks on its plan to redeploy troops from Europe and Asia to stateside bases, one expert said.

Most public schools surrounding military bases in the States already are at or near capacity, with budgets that won't be able to accommodate an influx of students, said Joyce Raezer, director of government relations for the National Military Family Association.

"It happens with [military construction] and it's going to happen with reposting. They're going to have the students coming back, mostly from Germany, to various installations, and a lot of the schools already are at capacity."

"There are so many, so many issues," she said. Raezer wondered whether the military will have

## Some spouses say being back in States would bring stability; strain on schools as kids return a concern

enough medical providers to treat the influx of servicemembers and their families, and will the surge cripple the already-delayed access retirees suffer in getting treatment.

President Bush announced Monday a 10-year plan to return to the United States as many as 70,000 troops now living overseas, and 100,000 family members and civilian employees.

Even if the moves don't begin until fiscal 2006, as Pentagon officials have said, that still is not enough time for school districts to build schools, buy buses or hire teachers, Raezer said.

And the military's need to wait on actions of the Base Closure and Realignment Commission, which won't get Pentagon recommendations until May 2005, complicates matters, she said.

"The Army is not saying yet where these people are going to go, and school districts need to know."

The redeployment plan will save the military money in the long-term, Raezer said.

"It's a lot cheaper to have bare-boned bases [overseas] if you don't have to have schools, don't have to have quality of life such as family housing, youth programs and such. But they're still going to need to provide those services back in the States."

The plan in reality, could mean more family separations, said Kathy Moakler, deputy director of government relations NMFA.

"We agree that it certainly will add to stability as far as location goes, but there's a double-edged sword. This also means there will be more frequent deployments and more family separations."

### Perspective

For families in Europe, it's a matter of perspective.

Those with children, such as Jessica Sufin of Katterbach, Germany, feel they can better handle their spouse's long deployments if they are back in the United States, where they are closer to the support network of family and friends.

Single soldiers, however, seem to appreciate the opportunities afforded to soldiers overseas, primarily the opportunity to travel and explore different cultures.

"I can handle all the six-month deployments they throw at me," said Sufin, who has three young children and a fourth child on the way. "But these real long [deployments] are a pain in the butt [when you have] kids."

Out of the four years her hus-

band has been stationed in Germany, they have been separated for roughly 2½ years, Sufin said. He is currently in Iraq, serving a 12-month tour with the 1st Infantry Division's 4th Brigade.

Spc. Jonathan Dorsheimer is a tank driver for Bldingens 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Division. Before coming to Germany, Dorsheimer, who was flipping burgers at Burger King, said he bought into the military's promise to see the world.

If it weren't for the Army, "I probably never would have left the United States," Dorsheimer said. "I do think it would be good for stability in terms of kids [to go to one school]."

Maggie Minniti, originally from Gdansk, Poland, has been married to a Darmstadt, Germany-based soldier, Sgt. John Andrew Minniti, for a year. After being separated for most of the year they were engaged, she is glad to live now wherever he is stationed.

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## Reduction plans likely won't affect USAF

BY MARNI MCENTEE

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The Air Force in Europe has made it through the Pentagon's latest troop-reduction plans unscathed, at least for now.

That's because U.S. Air Forces in Europe — the air component for the U.S. European Command and a key provider of air assets to the Middle East — had already completed a major transformation, a USAF spokesman said.

The command has pared down its presence to one-fifth of the bases it had in the mid-1980s and reduced its forces by more than half, USAF spokesman Col. Edward Worley said.

What remains — 63,000 active-duty airmen, civilians and their families, five main operating bases in England, Germany and Italy, and five forward operating bases — is needed for expeditious access to current hot spots and potential problem areas, Worley said.

"We're not going to be able to fly from the United States to anywhere in the world without stopping someplace," for fuel, crew rest and cargo, he said. "We just don't have the tanker or airfield capability to do that," Worley said.

Although early reports indicated that F-16 squadrons in Aviano, Italy, and Spangdahlem, Germany, may be relocated, a Pentagon official said Monday that those bases would remain — for now.

Talks continue with Turkey about whether any U.S. fighter squadrons would move to Incirlik — where the Air Force recently expanded as a tanker and logistics hub for operations in the Middle East. But USAF officials didn't want to speculate as to how those talks would turn out.

"We're always looking at our structure," Worley said.

At the center of the Air Force basing



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**A fighter line crewmember ducks down out of the blast from the engines of an F-15E at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, in May 2001, when flights were using the base for Operation Northern Watch. Already pared down to one-fifth of its presence in Europe in the mid-1980s, U.S. Air Forces in Europe seems to have escaped the Pentagon's latest troop-reduction plans unscathed.**

strategy in Europe is Ramstein Air Base, which also is undergoing a massive transformation. It already serves as an important cargo base and a vital way station for air and wounded troops from around Europe and the Middle East on their way to nearby Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

But by December 2005, Ramstein will take over all airfield capability from Rhein-Main Air Base, making it and Spangdahlem Air Base the key European airfield hubs.

The \$600 million "Rhein-Main Transition Program," at times makes Ramstein and Spangdahlem look like one big construction zone. But the sound of graders and backhoes should be beautiful music to the local businesspeople whose livelihoods rely on the 44,000 Americans in the Kaiserslautern area — the largest community of Americans overseas.

"What that should tell people is that Ramstein's position as a major European airfield hub is pretty well assured for sometime to come," Brig. Gen. Rosanne Bailey, commander of the 435th Air Base Wing, said

Wednesday.

In fiscal 2003, the Kaiserslautern military community pumped nearly \$1.29 billion into the area's economy, according to an annual economic impact report released in February.

**"We're not going to be able to fly from the United States to anywhere in the world without stopping someplace."**

Col. Edward Worley

Spokesman, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

Although Germany would be hit hard by the proposed removal of some 70,000 U.S. troops in the coming years, the decision to keep the Kaiserslautern-area installations is good news, Kaiserslautern Lord Mayor Bernhard Deubig said in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes on Wednesday.

"For Germany as a whole, the withdrawal of U.S. troops will mean a certain loss of stability and security and, naturally, will

cause considerable economic problems in the affected areas. The city and county of Kaiserslautern therefore are all the more pleased to hear that this region will apparently not be affected," the e-mail stated.

Deubig, who led a delegation of regional leaders to Washington, D.C., last year to lobby for keeping troops in the country, said that the American presence in the region had "an enormously positive effect on the local population's attitude and has encouraged a more open-minded approach to the challenges of globalization."

In all, five Air Force and 10 Army installations are in the Kaiserslautern military community.

The 21st Theater Support Command, a major logistics hub, is the largest Army asset in the area that also apparently has survived the chopping block, a EUCom official said Tuesday.

In short, he said, Ramstein and the other installations around it are in "the perfect geostrategic location."

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# Politicians hope relocation plan delays BRAC

BY TARA COPP

Scraps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress who want to ensure that military bases in their states don't close say President Bush's plan to move 70,000 troops stationed in Europe and Asia back to the United States strengthens their case.

But supporters say state-side bases must go through a closure-and-realignment round, known as BRAC, next May so Pentagon officials will know where to send the returning troops.

"Those who oppose it will argue, 'How can we close bases when we are bringing 70,000 troops home,'" said Ken Becks, a defense analyst with Business Executives for National Security, a pro-base-closure policy group in Washington. "But I think BRAC still needs to go on, maybe even more now than ever."

It could be a tight fight.

Before the relocation plan was announced, the House had narrowly passed a two-year delay. That measure is part of the 2005 defense authorization bill, which is still being negotiated with the Senate.

And even though leaders of the Senate Armed Services Committee — including its chairman, Sen. John Warner, R-Va., strongly oppose a delay, the whole Senate was just two votes short, 49-47, of including the two-year delay in its own authorization bill.

Fighting base closure isn't a party-line issue, even though Bush and Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry disagree on the matter.

Bush strongly supports a 2005 round of base closings and has threatened to veto any defense bill that includes a delay. Kerry has said a delay is necessary to account for the Iraq war's effect on military needs.

For the last several years, the high stakes of the impending base-closure round have been clear to Congress. The Pentagon says it has about 25 percent more military facilities than it needs, and Rumsfeld is set on cutting that excess.

But the real effect to delay base closings is being felt by House Republicans and Democrats defending home-town bases.

For members of Congress who have one of those 425 military bases in their districts, the idea that a quarter of them may close has created an intense effort to win military funding. When the issue first hit, delay base closings first came up, 34 members quickly signed on as co-sponsors.

The effect of the Bush relocation plan can already be seen in the positions of some members of Congress.

Sen. John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas and member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, has 17 bases at stake in his home state.

Although he continues to support a round of base closings for 2005, he said he will make sure the Pentagon takes into account a base's potential to house returning troops before any decision is made.

"As the [Department of Defense] makes its BRAC recommendations, defense officials should consider how the pending decision to bring several thousand troops to the United States from overseas bases will affect the needs of the military," Cornyn said. "This consideration is a prerequisite, in my opinion, for any future action on the BRAC process, and the Pentagon has assured me that it will."



War veterans  
Jere Hill,  
middle, and  
Robert  
Gibson,  
right, stand  
with their  
backs turned  
Wednesday  
during Sen.  
John Kerry's  
speech at the  
105th  
Veterans of  
Foreign Wars  
National  
Convention  
in Cincinnati.

AP

# Kerry knocks troop relocation

## In VFW speech, candidate says plan could hinder U.S. security

BY NEDRA PICKLER

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry on Wednesday criticized President Bush's proposal to recall up to 70,000 foreign troops as a hastily announced plan that raises more doubts about U.S. intentions than it answers.

"Nobody wants to bring troops home more than those of us who have fought in foreign wars," Kerry said. "But it needs to be done at the right time and in a sensible way. This is not that time or that way."

Bush announced his plan to bring home troops from Cold War-era bases in Europe and Asia on Monday before an earlier session of the same gathering of 15,000 members of the VFW. The president said the repositioning of forces would help save money on maintaining bases overseas.

Kerry singled out for criticism Bush's plan to cut 12,000 of the 37,000 U.S. troops in South Korea.

"Why are we withdrawing unilaterally 12,000 troops from the Korean Peninsula at the very time we are negotiating with North Korea — a country that really has nuclear weapons?" Kerry asked.

Kerry quoted Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona as saying that North Korea is probably more dangerous now than since the end of the Korean War in 1953.

"This is clearly the wrong signal to send at the wrong time," Kerry said.

Kerry argued that Bush's policy would dangerously reduce forces at a time when the nation is fighting the al-Qaida terrorist network in 60 coun-

tries across the globe.

"Let's be clear — the president's vaguely stated plan does not strengthen our hand in the war on terror," he said. "It in no way relieves the strain on our overextended military personnel. It doesn't even begin until 2006 and it takes 10 years to achieve."

And this hastily announced plan raises more doubts about our intentions and our commitments than it provides real answers."

Kerry's campaign cited a three-month-old Congressional Budget Office report that said pulling back troops from overseas would produce at best only small improvements in the United States' ability to respond to far-flung conflicts. The report also said a large reduction of the U.S. military presence overseas could cost \$7 billion upfront, although annual savings could be more than \$1 billion.

Pentagon officials who spoke on condition of anonymity this week said the CBO study used different assumptions than the president's redeployment plan. They said the amount of savings for the Bush plan could not be calculated until officials determine precisely which units will return to the United States, what domestic bases they will use and what overseas installations will be closed.

Pentagon officials also say plans to trim U.S. troops in South Korea would

not give North Korea an advantage. Military officials have said that advances in U.S. military firepower and a stronger South Korean military mean there can be more military power in the south with fewer soldiers. In response to Kerry's criticism, the Bush campaign released a list of statements from Republican senators, former military officers and others praising the president's proposal as essential to fighting new threats facing the United States.

"John Kerry's opposition to troop realignment demonstrates a backward-looking view that blindly embraces the status quo and ignores the realities of the post-9/11 world," said retired Gen. P.X. Kelley, who commanded the Marine Corps from 1983-1987.

Kerry received a polite if not overwhelmingly positive reaction from the VFW. Large portions of the crowd applauded with each promise of veteran's benefits and with many points he made about Iraq and terrorism. But there was a clear divide, with scores of veterans sitting with their arms folded while others clapped.

One man heckled Kerry, calling him a liar, as VFW sergeants at arms admonished him.

"I'll say it myself. He's a liar," said John Ranson of Fort Thomas, Ky., a 57-year-old Vietnam War veteran who sat a few feet away from the heckler.

But there was no shortage of Kerry supporters, including some who voted for Bush in 2000. "He's got a mess overseas," Dale Hall, 49, of Franklin Park, Ill., said of Bush. "I stand behind the troops, of course, but he's not done a good job."

# Move: Soldier: 'I want my family to go with me wherever go'

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"Being able to travel in Europe makes it worthwhile. We don't have any kids," Minniti said. "But for me, being with my husband is most important. I would give up losing my job than not being with my husband."

Spc. Thomas Renner, who is married and has a 2-year-old daughter, wants his family to go wherever he is — be it in Europe or the States.

"I want my family to go with

me wherever I go, except a war zone," he said. "Even two months is too long to be away from them." Said Renner, referring to the possibility that in the future, troops may deploy to the States to remove weapons in Eastern Europe for months at a time.

"It's going to be terrible if we leave," said Dorshimer's Army buddy, Pfc. Matthew Mitchell.

"Germany is an amazing place," Brandi Hennessy's husband left the Army "because of the time he was spending away from

home," she said of Spc. Neal Hennessy, last with the 1st Armored Division in Germany. "I know that we would rather move more often, than have him deployed now. To me, it's more important that our family is together than we stay in the same place."

"We loved living in Germany, and would do it again in a heartbeat. I think that having a home base is a good idea, but that there are other things the Army could do first to make military life with a family better."

"For one, more training at their home base. My husband was infantry, and his unit spent the vast majority of their days on past moving lawns, cleaning barracks and playing video games in single soldiers' rooms. If there was better leadership and better planning, a lot of the training that soldiers are sent away for could be done at home."

"Home base would force the Army to send them away from home more often," said Hennessy, who now lives in Visalia,

Calif. "I personally would rather spend a few years in Germany, and have my husband there with me most of the time, than spend his entire career in the U.S. and have him miss our children growing up. Six months is a long time in the life of a toddler. My husband missed our son's first birthday, first steps, first words and many more firsts."

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# Cleric al-Sadr agrees to Najaf peace deal

The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — Radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr accepted a peace plan Wednesday that would disarm his militia and remove them from their hide-out in a revered shrine, raising hopes of resolving a crisis that has angered many of Iraq's majority Shiites and threatened to undermine the fledgling interim government.

But al-Sadr has made contradictory statements in the past, and aides to the cleric said he still wanted to negotiate details of the deal to end two weeks of fighting between his forces and U.S.-led troops. The agreement was announced at the National Conference in Baghdad, which had sent a delegation to negotiate with al-Sadr.

The conference, a gathering of more than 1,000 prominent Iraqis that was seen as an important milestone on the country's path to democracy, spilled into an unscheduled fourth day Wednesday so it could choose members of an interim National Council. The council is to act as a watchdog over the interim government until elections in January.

A planned vote to affirm a slate of 81 candidates was called off at the last minute, and the conference organizers simply affirmed the group — to the dismay of many of those who were not included in the council. The final 19 members of the 100-member council will be members of the former U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council, who were left out of the interim government.

Al-Sadr's loyalists and a combined U.S.-Iraqi force have been fighting for nearly two weeks throughout Najaf, battling in the vast graveyard and in the streets of its Old City. A wall surrounding the Imam Ali Shrine, where the militants have holed up, was reportedly clipped in the fighting, and any damage to the gold-domed mosque itself would infuriate the world's 120 million Shiite Muslims.

The drawn-out fighting, which had spread to other Shiite areas, has already tarnished al-Sadr's reputation among poor, grassroots Shiites at the expense of more senior — and more moderate — clerics and hampered the government's efforts to quell a separate Sunni insurgency.

Sheik Hassan al-Athari, an official at



AP

**U.S. soldiers run through a school courtyard during a gunbattle with insurgent snipers near the cemetery in Najaf, Iraq, on Wednesday. Fighting in Najaf continued despite reports Wednesday that radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr agreed to a cease-fire deal.**

al-Sadr's Baghdad office, said the cleric wanted to negotiate how the plan would be implemented and to ensure his militants would not be arrested. He said al-Sadr had other minor conditions, but did not elaborate.

Al-Sadr aide Ahmed al-Shaibany said U.S. forces must first stop attacking. "They cannot ask us to disarm while we're using warplanes to fight us. There should be a cease-fire first and then they ask us to disarm," he said.

Gumbattles, explosions and other clashes continued to plague Najaf even after the agreement was announced Wednesday. The fighting in Najaf killed eight people and wounded 27 others Wednesday, Hussein Hadi of Najaf General Hospital said.

The U.S. military says the clashes have killed hundreds of militants, though the

militants deny that. Eight U.S. soldiers and at least 40 Iraqi police have been killed as well.

Also Wednesday, one U.S. soldier was shot and killed during an attack on troops patrolling Baghdad, the military said. Near Hillah, about 60 miles south of Baghdad, seven coalition soldiers were wounded during a mortar attack on their camp, the military said. They included two Polish soldiers and five civilians — one American, one Pole and three Iraqis.

In the northern city of Mosul, a mortar round slammed into a busy market Wednesday, killing five civilians and wounding 21, the U.S. military said.

Ongoing fighting between U.S. forces and al-Sadr's militants in the Baghdad slum of Sadr City killed four Iraqis and wounded 24 others, Health Ministry officials said.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, 943 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 703 died as a result of hostile action and 240 died of nonhostile causes.

The British military has reported 64 deaths: Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, seven; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 805 U.S. servicemembers have died — 594 as a result of hostile action and 211 of nonhostile causes.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ A U.S. soldier was killed Monday in a series of grenade and explosives attacks in eastern Baghdad.

■ A Marine was killed in action Tuesday in Anbar province.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

Killed Sunday by hostile fire in Najaf, Iraq; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas:

■ Army 2nd Lt. James Michael Goins, 23, Bonner Springs, Kan.

■ Army Spc. Mark Anthony Zapata, 27, Edinburg, Texas.

Killed Sunday in Anbar province; assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Pfc. Fernando B. Hannon, 19, Wildomar, Calif.

■ Marine Pfc. Geoffrey Perez, 24, Los Angeles.

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## MPs fatally shoot 2 detainees to stop brawl at Abu Ghraib

By TODD PITMAN

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. military police shot and killed two detainees and wounded five others in an effort to put down a massive brawl that broke out Wednesday at the notorious Abu Ghraib prison facility west of the Iraqi capital, the military said.

Troubles began when several detainees attacked another inmate with rocks and tent poles in a fight that quickly escalated, drawing in 200 inmates at a tented detention camp within the sprawling compound, said Lt. Col. Barry Johnson, the U.S. military's spokesman for detention operations in Iraq.

Detainees hurled rocks at U.S. soldiers, igniting "verbal warnings" and then a volley of rubber bullets from U.S. military police, Johnson said.

The military decided to use lethal force because one detainee

risks being killed by fellow inmates, he said.

"A determination was made that if lethal force wasn't used, this detainee was going to be killed," Johnson said. "So lethal force was used in the form of aimed shots against these most involved in the direct violence against the individual who was being attacked."

One of the detainees was killed on the spot and a second, critically wounded, died of his wounds later at a military hospital.

It was not known what caused the fight.

Abu Ghraib was at the center of a scandal over allegations that American prison guards abused Iraqi detainees. The scandal broke in April when photographs of hooded and naked prisoners were made public, unleashing a torrent of international criticism.

U.S. authorities have released thousands of detainees from Abu Ghraib in the last several months.

# Whistleblower may be in protective custody

## Family: Darby got threats for revealing Iraq abuse

BY DAVID DISHNEAU  
The Associated Press

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — The Army reservist who tipped off investigators to abuse of Iraqi prisoners by his fellow soldiers in protective custody because of death threats, family members said Tuesday.

Sp. Joseph M. Darby, 24, received the threats after his role in the scandal was publicly revealed in May, his sister-in-law, Maxine Carroll, said.

Carroll said in a telephone interview from her home in Windber, Pa., that she doesn't know where Darby is, and she refused to put a reporter in touch with his wife, Bernadette, who is Carroll's sister.

Darby's mother, Margaret T. Blank, of Corriganville, said soldiers moved his and his wife's belongings out of their nearby apartment weeks ago. She said she gets a weekly call from the Army Reserve's 99th Regional Readiness Command "telling me my son's OK and my daughter-in-law's OK, and that's all I've heard from them."

A spokesman for the command did not return a call from

The Associated Press.

Seven members of Darby's unit, the 372nd Military Police Company of Cressapton, have been charged with abusing detainees at Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad last fall. One of them, Spc. Jeremy C. Sivits, has pleaded guilty and been sentenced to a year in prison.

Darby testified by telephone

Aug. 6 at a pre-trial hearing for Pfc. Lynndie England. He said he agonized over whether to turn in photos of his fellow soldiers' acts, but ultimately did so because he feared the mistreatment would continue.

On Monday, Carroll appeared on ABC television's "Good Morning America" with Bernadette Darby, who said she was surprised by the vicious response of some friends and neighbors to what she considered an act of bravery.

"People were — they were mean, saying he was a walking dead man, he was walking around with a bull's-eye on his head. It was scary," she said.

Carroll said someone wrote "Iraq" on the fence outside her home.

*"People were — they were mean, saying he was a walking dead man, he was walking around with a bull's-eye on his head. It was scary."*

Maxine Carroll  
Sister-in-law of  
Spc. Joseph M. Darby

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## 1st Cavalry Division GI awarded the Silver Star

BY JASON CHUDY  
Stars and Stripes

A Baghdad-based 1st Cavalry Division soldier was recently awarded the Silver Star Medal for his actions after insurgents ambushed his patrol, leaving two soldiers dead and five wounded, according to a coalition news release.

Pfc. Christopher Fernandez received the medal from 1st Cav commander Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli during a ceremony Monday.

During the May 5 ambush, insurgents detonated a roadside bomb by the patrol's last Humvee and then fired on the soldiers. The patrol returned fire with small arms and machine guns.

Fernandez, a Tucson, Ariz.-native, returned fire with his M-249 squad automatic weapon, stopping only to reload.

Seeing that the damaged Humvee's M-240B machine gun wasn't in use, he ran through enemy fire to man the gun.

Fernandez used the M-240B to suppress enemy fire, even though the damaged gun was burning his hands. He manned the machine gun for about 10 minutes until the dead and wounded soldiers were evacuated.

This was the first Silver Star awarded to a 1st Cavalry soldier during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 1st Cav is based at Fort Hood, Texas.

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# Lawsuit contests extended military service

## Attorney argues Congress has not declared war or a state of national emergency

BY DAVID KRAVETS  
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A California Army National Guard soldier sued the military in federal court over stop loss, which could keep up to 20,000 Army personnel beyond their time of service.

It was the first lawsuit challenging extended military service following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The stop-loss order also was enacted during the buildup to the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

The soldier's complaint comes

as the Army struggles to find fresh units to serve in Iraq.

Almost every combat unit has faced or will face duty there or in Afghanistan, and increased violence has forced the deployment of an additional 20,000 troops to the Iraq region.

The Army says its stop-loss program is necessary for a cohesive military with seasoned personnel, although it has been criticized as contrary to the concept of an all-volunteer military force.

The soldier's attorneys did not release his name, age or home-

town to protect his family's privacy.

"It's not that John Doe is a coward by any means," said the sergeant's San Francisco attorney, Michael Sorgen on Tuesday.

He said his client, who was also ordered to stay in Iraq last year beyond his enlisted commitment, suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, and his deployment has been put on hold.

According to the lawsuit, the soldier has more than a decade of service with the Marines, including combat in Iraq and Somalia.

Last year, after returning from Iraq, he agreed to re-sign with a one-year commitment to the National Guard.

But he recently was notified that his service had been extended by as much as two years, and that he could soon be heading to Iraq for another combat tour, according to court documents.

Sorgen said the soldier could be involuntarily retained in the military during a time of war or national emergency, but "Congress has not declared war or a national emergency."

The lawsuit notes the Sept. 11 commission's report said there was no "collaborative operational relationship" between terrorists and Iraq plotting attacks against the United States.

Lt. Pamela Hart, an Army spokeswoman, said stop-loss is vital for a strong military.

"When soldiers consider serving next to one that they've known, they know the person's strengths," she said. "It's much safer and comforting to know you are serving a war with someone you can count on."

No court date has been set.

# Alcohol, drug problems lead to private's jail time

## Kitzingen, Germany-based soldier who refused to deploy to Iraq also received bad-conduct discharge

BY STEVE LIEWER  
Stars and Stripes

WÜRZBURG, Germany — A Kitzingen-based soldier who refused to go to Iraq because of his alcohol and drug problems will serve 15 months in jail, a military judge ruled Wednesday.

Pvt. Octavious Newton, 20, of the 12th Chemical Company, pleaded guilty to charges of failing to show up for duty, missing a troop movement and using marijuana. Judge (Col.) James Pohl, also handed him a bad-conduct discharge.

"I didn't want to deploy," Newton told the court. "I told my chain of command I'd been drinking."

Newton said he grew up in a rough neighborhood in Atlanta.

As a teenager, he discovered the Army's Youth Challenge Program, which helps

**"Pvt. Newton has a serious problem, and he needs help. He's 20 years old. He's got his whole life in front of him."**

**Capt. Debra Quanbeck**  
Newton's attorney

troubled youths earn a high school diploma and trains them for the military with drills and physical training.

Newton arrived in Kitzingen, his first duty post, in late 2002.

His friend, Staff Sgt. Octavious Rogers, described him as a "good, quiet, soft-spoken" soldier who did his job well.

Newton earned an Army Achievement Medal for his work at a training exercise in Grafenwohr.

But, Newton said, he was struggling with alcohol and drug addiction.

Last year he was demoted for three alcohol-related infractions, and in September he sought help from the Army's substance abuse counseling program.

He was put on medication, he said, that made it difficult to sleep and gave him vivid nightmares.

Newton, his counselors and his superiors agreed he would attend a six-week treatment program at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, if he followed certain conditions.

But he violated a restriction Feb. 7, just days before his unit's scheduled deployment to Iraq.

Nine days later, when his company com-

mander ordered him to go, Newton refused.

Left with the rear detachment to face disciplinary action, he twice failed urinalysis tests after smoking marijuana.

"Pvt. Newton has a serious problem, and he needs help," his attorney, Capt. Debra Quanbeck, told the court, asking that he be discharged and sent home.

"He's 20 years old. He's got his whole life in front of him."

The prosecutor, Capt. Sara Holland, asked that Newton be jailed for longer than his unit's scheduled one-year deployment.

"He refused. He could have gone. He had no reason not to," Holland said.

"Plenty of people in his unit didn't refuse. They did what they were supposed to."

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# Citizen sues Salvadoran president, government for sending troops to Iraq

BY DIEGO MENDEZ  
The Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — A private citizen has filed a lawsuit against Salvadoran President Tony Saca, the Defense Department and Congress for agreeing to send a new contingent of troops to Iraq, the Supreme Court confirmed Tuesday.

Jose Francisco Garcia submitted his complaint on Monday, hours before the Defense Department announced that the 380 troops would not depart on Tuesday as planned because of a transportation problem.

The Supreme Court did not indicate immediately whether it would hear the case. The court usually issues such decisions within 15 to 30 days after receiving a petition.

Sending new troops to Iraq endangers citizens because of "possible repercussions, revenge and the hate of Islamic radical groups," Garcia told a news con-

*Sending new troops to Iraq endangers citizens because of "possible repercussions, revenge and the hate of Islamic radical groups."*

**Jose Francisco Garcia**  
A private citizen suing the Salvadoran government

ference Tuesday. "And practically, even the sovereignty of El Salvador would be in danger."

Garcia said he also presented a second lawsuit charging that the troops' deployment is unconstitutional under the law, which he said mandates the armed forces

to protect Salvadoran territory "not to get involved in the territory of another country."

Saca and other principal cabinet members were in Los Angeles on Tuesday and could not be reached for comment on either the lawsuit or the issue of unconstitutionality.

Meanwhile, the third wave of Salvadoran troops to be sent to Iraq since August of last year was on standby Tuesday due to logistical problems.

Military spokesman Col. Eduardo Figueroa said in an interview late Monday that the air space over Iraq is restricted and Salvadoran officials were unable to coordinate a time for the planes carrying their forces to land in Iraq.

The troops are scheduled to go to the city of Najaf, where fierce fighting has been taking place between U.S. and rebel Iraqi forces. Their mission is to help with rebuilding efforts, not to participate in combat.

# Mistakenly closed breaker blamed for Burger King fire

## Report details circumstances of Aviano Area 1 blaze

BY KENT HARRIS

Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — A mistakenly flipped breaker switch apparently triggered the January fire that destroyed the Burger King restaurant on base.

Stars and Stripes received three pages of an Air Force safety investigation into the fire via the mail on Tuesday. Officials at the Air Force Safety Center, the releasing authority for the report, said the rest wouldn't be released to the public.

But one of the three pages sent contains a "factual summary of circumstances."

It states: "On 12 Jan 04, a (Civil Engineer Squadron) electrician closed an open circuit breaker in substitution #140 triggering a power outage to several facilities located on Area 1 at 1325, to include Burger King. The Burger King exhaust fan stop extracting heat and smoke from the broiler grease extraction system and duct work."

"A Burger King employee shut off the gas to boiler unit. However, flames in the broiler continued and ignited the grease dripping from the hood filters above the boiler system. The fire spread throughout the duct system into the suspended ceiling."

No injuries were reported in the fire, which occurred at the end of the lunch hour. But the stand-alone structure — valued at \$1.1 million — was destroyed.

The remains eventually were carted away and a parking lot now sits on the site, with no evidence the restaurant — which opened in 1986 — ever existed. In the meantime, Area 1 has gained two new eating options — Subway sandwiches and Anthony's Pizza. Both opened in a new mini-mall earlier this summer.



KENT HARRIS/Stars and Stripes

The Burger King building on Area 1 at Aviano Air Base went up in flames in January. A recently released safety report says the fire was triggered by a worker mistakenly flipping off a breaker switch, which prevented the restaurant's exhaust fans from working.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service already operates another Burger King restaurant on the flight line area and still is considering whether it will replace the restaurant it lost.

In interviews, base officials discussed the power outage shortly after the fire but didn't connect it at the time to the start of the blaze.

They said the loss of electricity had thwarted efforts to put the fire out faster because pumps weren't working. It took about four hours to extinguish. Another problem was a shortage of water pressure, meaning firefighters couldn't use jets from more than one truck at a time to battle the flames.

Both problems could be helped by the opening of a new water station — with backup generators — in Area 2 nearby. But that facility has yet to open.

Officials at Aviano said they couldn't comment on the report, citing the authority of the safety center on the matter. The base also refused to identify the person involved in the incident or state

whether judicial or administrative charges come into play.

In a cover letter included with the three pages released, Col. George Clark, staff judge advocate at the safety center, said Defense Department and Air Force instructions prohibit the public release of analysis, findings and recommendations from safety investigations.

The Italians also investigated the incident. But Stripes was told last month that the report wouldn't be released until the local prosecutor determined if there were charges to file. And there was no timetable available on that process.

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## Top bombers



Right: An F-15E Strike Eagle from the 492nd Fighter Squadron at RAF Lakenheath, England, is prepared Wednesday for its role in the Excalibur bombing competition in England. Squadrons from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, and Aviano Air Base, Italy, along with two from the Royal Air Force, joined the 48th Fighter Wing at RAF Lakenheath, in the competition, which ends Thursday.

Below: Capt. Jonathan Laatsch, a weapons systems officer, prepares Wednesday for the Excalibur bombing competition being held in England.

PHOTOS BY RON JENSEN  
Stars and Stripes



University of Maryland University College Europe



## 3rd soldier sentenced in Ansbach drug case

Stars and Stripes

WÜRZBURG, Germany — A third Ansbach-area soldier has been sentenced to jail and discharged in connection with an off-base drug party last March, according to the 1st Infantry Division's staff judge advocate.

Cpl. Timothy Vernon, 25, a military policeman assigned to the 235th Base Support Battalion, pleaded guilty to charges of possessing, using and distributing marijuana, psilocybin mushrooms and the party drug Ecstasy, said Staff Sgt. Connie Fassler, a court reporter.

Vernon invited two friends, Pfc. Kirby Smith and Sfc. Tyler Swafford, to his house in Ansbach the evening of March 6 to play video games and drink beer, according

to a court document. A female friend of Swafford's later allegedly brought over the mushrooms and Ecstasy — a drug combination called a "hippie flip" — and marijuana. The three soldiers then ingested the drugs but were later turned in by a fourth soldier who was present but didn't join in the party.

Vernon told the court he had been under stress because of marital problems and a traumatic recent deployment to Afghanistan, Fassler said.

Judge (Col.) James Pohl sentenced Vernon to four months in jail and ordered him reduced to the lowest enlisted rank.

Smith and Swafford, both court-martialed earlier, each received 12-month sentences, demotions to E-1, and bad-conduct discharges.

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# Americans growing skeptical of Iraq war

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nine months of chaos and casualties in Iraq since Saddam Hussein's capture have taken a heavy toll on American opinion of President Bush's decision to go to war.

Last December, when Saddam was caught, public support for Bush's decision to go to war was 2-to-1 in favor. Now the public is evenly divided on whether the war was the right thing to do or whether it was a mistake.

Older people, minorities, people with lower incomes, residents of the Northeast and Catholics are among those increasingly skeptical of the war effort, according to Associated Press polling.

These shifts in public sentiment reflect the difficulties in Iraq — including a death toll nearing 1,000 U.S. soldiers, the violent insurgency against the new Iraqi government and U.S. forces and the failure to find weapons of mass destruction, which was among the central justifications for Bush's decision to go to war.

Both Democrats and indepen-

dents lost enthusiasm for the war during the period since Saddam was captured. Almost nine in 10 Republicans still say it was the right thing to do.

Overall, about half in an August AP-Ipsos poll said they think the war in Iraq was the right thing to do. But even some of those people have doubts about what has happened since the invasion.

About six in 10 said they feel President Bush does not have a clear plan for bringing the Iraq situation to a successful solution, according to a recent Pew Research Center poll.

The Bush administration has struggled since December against a violent insurgency in Iraq that has killed soldiers. A flare-up of violence in southern towns in April led to increased combat operations. A cease-fire with one militant group recently fell apart, leading to more clashes in Najaf.

Despite the handover of political power to an Iraqi interim government on June 30, the U.S. military continues to lead the military fight in Iraq.

In addition, U.S. weapons inspectors continue to search but have found no weapons of mass destruction.

In the August poll, those most likely to say the Iraq war was the right thing to do were Republicans, Southerners, those who earn more than \$50,000 a year and young adults.

Yet among many different groups of Americans, a majority of people now say the war was a mistake. Those groups include minorities (65 percent), Northeasterners (60 percent), Democrats (80 percent), people who make less than \$25,000 a year (57 percent) and Catholics (51 percent).

The most recent AP-Ipsos poll of 1,001 adults was conducted Aug. 3-5 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, larger for subgroups like older Americans.

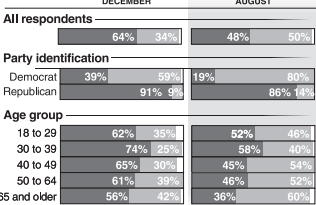
The Iraq question about the United States' decision to go to war was asked of a half sample with a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points, and the other half sample was asked whether the "Bush administration" made the right decision to go to war.

## Skepticism growing over war in Iraq

Last December public support was 2-to-1 in favor of President Bush and his decision to go to war in Iraq. Now, the public is evenly divided, according to a recent poll.

Thinking about how things have gone in Iraq since the start of the war, do you think the United States

... made the right decision to go to war ... made a mistake



Note: Poll taken from 488 people between Aug. 3-5; margin of error  $\pm$  5 percentage points; for subgroups margin of error slightly larger

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## California Seabees report for Rota duty

Stars and Stripes

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain — Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four has arrived in Rota for its regularly scheduled European deployment, while more than 200 of the unit's Seabees will head to Iraq.

The Port Huene, Calif.-based battalion moved into Camp Mitchell last week, taking over for the Gulfport, Miss.-based Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74.

Seabee battalions rotate in and out of Rota every six or seven months.

Battalion Four also will send

smaller detachments to various spots around Europe and the Bahamas during the six-month deployment, including Sigonella, Sicily; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and Souda Bay, Crete, according to a news release.

Some of the projects in Rota include work on a running track and soccer complex in addition to starting a shoreline gap project.

In Iraq, the unit will work on reconstruction and humanitarian aid projects as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

The battalion will be gone from its homeport until February, when Naval Mobile Construction Battalion One takes over.

## Bletchley Park's USA Day celebrates American culture

Stars and Stripes

MILTON KEYNES, England — Several events are planned to celebrate USA Day at Bletchley Park, the home of World War II codebreakers who cracked the complex German Enigma code. The American Garden Trail at the park will be opened as part of the events that start at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

In addition, baseball and American football — complete with cheerleading — will be played. And American food such as hot dogs and Cajun chicken will be available, along with butter milk pancakes and popcorn.

The trail features several trees that are well-known to Americans. It starts at a giant sequoia tree, symbol of California, which

was planted in front of the park mansion in Victorian times. The trail also features an orange tree from Florida and a lilac tree from New Hampshire.

American jitterbug dancers will perform, and American classic cars will be displayed.

The park was a vital part of the Allied victory during World War II. According to the park's Web site, it was here that codebreakers, who were given no chance to break the code, used the world's first computer to accomplish the impossible act of shortening the war, historians believe, by two years.

Up to 10,000 people worked at the park during the war, but it was emptied by 1946.

More information is available at the Web site: [www.bletchley-park.org.uk](http://www.bletchley-park.org.uk).

## IN THE STATES

## Senators seek intel leadership changes

BY KATHERINE PFLIEGER  
SHRADER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two influential Senate Republicans are putting forward competing proposals to change the intelligence community's leadership structure, despite words of caution from top Pentagon officials.

As Congress works through the August recess to consider recommendations from the Sept. 11 commission, congressional aides said the Intelligence Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., and others on the committee may have legislation drafted as soon as this week to create a new national intelligence director — with power to control budgets and hire and fire personnel.

A strong intelligence chief, along with a new National Counterterrorism Center, were the leading recommendations from the commission's report, released last month. The intelligence director would almost certainly take authority away from the Defense Department and CIA.

However, another powerful voice — Senate Armed Services Chairman John Warner, R-Va. — suggested Tuesday that the CIA director's position could be elevated, putting that person on par with Cabinet members. Warner has urged caution in the reform debate, saying changes must ensure military commanders can have confidence in the intelligence they rely on.

"I personally want to proceed, but with great caution, and do what we can to strengthen this system," Warner said, adding that he wants to cause "hopefully no turbulence or disruption in the intelligence system that now — I think — serves this nation reasonably well."

The tide, however, seemed to be turning against letting the Pentagon retain sole control of most of the nation's largest intelligence agencies and toward following the Sept. 11 commission's suggestion that the country needs a higher-ranking intelligence director.

Details of how the proposed national intelligence director's job would remain undecided. Lawmakers plan to hold over a dozen hearings this month alone, including a closed House Intelligence Committee session Wednesday morning.

At a Senate Armed Services hearing Tuesday, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld offered a "cautionary note."

"It's important that we move with all deliberate speed. We need to remember that we are considering these important matters, however, while we are waging a war," Rumsfeld said. "If we move unwisely and get it wrong, the penalty would be great."

## Charley's dangerous aftermath

Officials worry deaths, injuries will climb as residents begin cleanup

BY MIKE SCHNEIDER  
The Associated Press

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. — Bill Nylander survived Hurricane Charley, but the storm still managed to hurt him days after it destroyed part of his hometown.

Nylander burned his leg while trying to repair his roof in the heat of the sun. The 68-year-old retiree needed treatment Tuesday at a medical center set up in four tents outside a hospital closed for repairs.

Until the electricity hums again and the debris is cleared, health officials are worried that there could be more deaths and injuries in the aftermath of Hurricane Charley than during the storm itself.

"We're seeing lacerations, injuries post-hurricane," said critical care nurse Karen Mulvaney. "A lot of people are coming here now because people are now returning to their homes."

In addition to injuries, residents are being sickened by eating spoiled food and contaminated water. They are skipping their prescription drugs and, with no air conditioning and with window screens blown away, exposing themselves to mosquitoes carrying diseases such as West Nile virus.

"It really gets back to getting electricity as soon as possible because that's going to solve a lot of problems," said Tommy Thompson, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. "Right now there are a lot of heart attacks in people who are going out and cleaning out their property."

On Wednesday, Sanibel Island was reopened to permanent residents for the first time since it was evacuated before the hurricane.

Roads had been cleared of storm debris but



Florida National Guard Sgt. Jose Iziray of Daytona Beach, Fla., loads free ice into a car trunk for a resident of Charlotte County, Fla., on Tuesday at a comfort station in Punta Gorda. Victims of Hurricane Charley have been given free water, ice, roof tarps and portable toilets.

there was no power or drinkable water on the barrier island of about 6,000 residents.

Sanibel Mayor Marty Harray said most of the damage to the island's homes was cosmetic, involving missing shingles and shutters and loss of shrubbery and other landscaping.

"People are smiling — they're getting the opportunity to come back and see their homes," Harray said by phone.

The U.S. death toll rose Tuesday from 19 to 20, when an 86-year-old man who had evacuated his home fell and died in a motel. Officials in Charlotte County said three new deaths may be linked to the aftermath of Charley — victims of a crash Monday at an intersection

where the traffic lights were not working. Charley also killed four people in Cuba and one in Jamaica.

For thousands of Floridians, Tuesday was a day when services cut off by Charley's rampage Friday were being gradually — and sporadically — restored. Federal disaster assistance money began flowing, state officials cracked down on price gouging and postal workers handed out mail.

About 493,000 people remained without power Tuesday, state officials said, holding to predictions it could take weeks to fully restore electricity. Nearly 100,000 still lacked local phone service. Storm damage was estimated at as much as \$11 billion to insured homes alone.

## Translation errors cast doubt on case against mosque leader

BY MICHAEL VIRTANEN  
The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — A key piece of evidence against a jailed mosque leader accused of supporting terrorism has come into question, with federal prosecutors acknowledging that a note found in a terrorist camp may have been mistranslated.

Yassin Muhiddin Aref is charged with aiding a government informant in a sting operation involving a fake plot to buy a shoulder-fired missile to assassinate a Pakistani diplomat.

The translation discrepancy stems from a notebook that the FBI said was found in a terrorist camp in northern Iraq last summer.

The indictment said an entry in Arabic script referred to Aref as a "commander" and listed his former address and phone number in Albany.

However, FBI translators now have a copy of the original entry and disagree with the earlier conclusion, saying the word was in the Kurdish language, not Arabic, and actually means "brother," prosecutors told the judge in a letter.

Aref is the imam of the Masjid As-Salam

mosque in Albany. Also charged earlier this month in the sting operation was Mohammed Mosharef Hossain, 49, one of the mosque's founders.

The notebook was cited last week by Magistrate David Homer as part of his rationale for refusing to set bail for Aref.

Defense attorneys say the translation error undermines the entire government case, and that both men should get out on bail.

"It's a travesty," lawyer Terence Kindlon said.

U.S. Attorney Glenn Suddaby said authorities are not yet sure which translation is correct, but said it doesn't change the case.

"It doesn't change their behavior. It doesn't change the significance of where this notebook was found," he said Tuesday.

Aref, a native of Kurdistan, and Hossain, who is from Bangladesh, face up to 70 years in prison if convicted.

Also Tuesday, prosecutors said they would try to restrict the release of some information relating to the case.

The United States believes that disclosure of this material would raise issues of national security that the court should address before any of this material is provided to the defense, Suddaby said in a court filing.

## Casino considered near Disney

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — City officials have talked to casino developer Steve Wynn about building an Indian casino and resort just blocks from Disneyland.

The city, located in Orange County, is considering selling as much as 45 acres to the Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians, a San Diego County tribe that wants to build a resort with shopping, restaurants and live entertainment comparable to Las Vegas.

Casino industry analysts and local officials said they don't believe the deal would be approved. Already, there is significant opposition.

## 'Blair Witch' crewmember dies

MIAMI — Neal Fredericks, the cinematographer of the low-budget but successful horror film "The Blair Witch Project," died in a plane crash while filming a movie over the Dry Tortugas, his agent said. He was 35.

Divers recovered Fredericks' body inside the submerged plane Sunday, a day after the crash about 70 miles west of Key West.

The pilot of the single-engine Cessna and three other members of his film crew escaped and were rescued, the Coast Guard said.

Fredericks collaborated with writers Eduardo Sanchez and Daniel Myrick on "The Blair Witch Project," an intense, atmospheric horror movie.

The 1999 film, shot with hand-held cameras, was hailed as a low-budget-to-blockbuster success story, made for almost nothing while grossing more than \$240 million worldwide at the box office.

From The Associated Press



President Bush holds up a cheese platter that he purchased while visiting the Cady Cheese Factory on Wednesday in Wilson, Wis.

## More education aid vowed for reservists

The Associated Press

CHIPPewa FALLS, Wis. — Hoping to gather enough support in northwestern Wisconsin to turn the state his way in November, President Bush said Wednesday he will push for extra education benefits for National Guard members and reservists.

Men and women who have "put their jobs on hold" to serve their nation deserve support in return, Bush told hundreds of supporters.

Bush said he would increase monthly education benefits for National Guard members and re-

servists who have been on active duty for more than 90 consecutive days.

The proposal came with the race between Bush and Democrat John Kerry extremely close in Wisconsin. Bush lost the state by fewer than 6,000 votes four years ago.

The Kerry campaign said there have been problems with pay and other matters for National Guard troops during the Bush administration. Spokesman Phil Singer said, "We need a president who is committed to protecting National Guard and reservists every day, not just in the days before the election."

## Powell sort of keeps distance

By BARRY SCHWEID  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell is walking a thin line between boosting his boss for re-election and maintaining a traditional distance from the rough and tumble of election-year politics.

Probably rounding out his last months as a prominent public servant, Powell has declared he is obliged as secretary of state not to engage in "parochial debate."

At the same time, he stoutly defends President Bush's policies, including the one on which his contest with Democrat John Kerry may turn — the war in Iraq.

The decision to overthrow Saddam Hussein with massive U.S. force had Powell's support — although he put more emphasis on first taking the case to the United Nations. And he continues to defend it even though weapons of mass destruction were never found in Iraq.

In a speech Monday before the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Cincinnati, Powell stood squarely behind the president. "A sworn enemy of the United States," Powell said, "Saddam Hussein could have passed on that weapons of mass destruction capability to terrorists."

Kerry, as a U.S. senator, voted for the war. But as a presidential candidate, he is challenging Bush's approach as go-it-alone unilateralism that cost the United States important European support.

He also accuses the president of an inclination to take pre-emptive action, even while saying he would not rule out taking such action himself in certain situations.

Powell has publicly disagreed with Kerry's characterization of Bush's approach. Is that politicking by the secretary of state? Or is it expounding on U.S. foreign policy, as secretaries of state do even in election years? It could be a matter of perception. Still, Powell, on the advice of the White House, will skip the Republican National Convention, which no sitting secretary of state in recent memory has attended.

Henry A. Kissinger, having served as secretary of state for Republican Presidents Nixon and Ford, spoke at the 1980 GOP convention that nominated Reagan against Democratic incumbent Jimmy Carter.

Kissinger slashed at Carter, accusing his administration of "drift, confusion, retreat and weakness in our foreign policy."

He also described Carter's approach to world problems as "diplomacy of incoherence." No matter



Secretary of State Colin Powell, pictured at a summit meeting in Abuja, Nigeria, in July, said Monday that he stood squarely behind President Bush when he said Saddam Hussein could have passed on weapons of mass destruction capability to terrorists.

that the platform Reagan ran on opposed arms control agreements with the Soviet Union that Kissinger had supported.

State Department spokesman Adam Ereli said last week that "on White House instruction, Secretary Powell as well as others among the Cabinet will not attend" the Republican convention, which opens Aug. 30 in New York City.

"This is in keeping with past practice," he said. And so it is, so far as secretaries of state are concerned.

But being in Bush's Cabinet does not automatically disqualify officers from campaigning.

Commerce Secretary Donald Evans, who was Bush's campaign chairman in 2000, will attend the convention, spokesman Ron Bonjean said. Education Secretary Rod Paige is scheduled to speak at the convention. Paige, who is black, is expected to make the case that Bush's education agenda helps poor and minority children.

With the economy rivaling Iraq as the most divisive issue in the Bush-Kerry race, Treasury Secretary John Snow is campaigning for the president in states where the contest is close.

## Faith leaders: How would Jesus vote?

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Just a few miles from a Texas office where President Bush served as state governor, a panel of religious experts weighed a question with relevance to many people of faith: How would Jesus vote? It's a complex topic that can't be boiled down to simple political terms, said religious leaders who attended a Texas Faith Network conference in Austin on Tuesday.

James C. Moore, co-author of a book on Bush's presidency, drew

laughter and applause when he offered his view to the moderator to left-leaning crowd of about 250 clergy and lay leaders.

"If ever there were a bleeding-heart liberal, it was Jesus Christ," Moore said at Congregation Agudas Achim synagogue. "I think the carpenter from Galilee was the original Democrat."

As the November presidential election nears, many at the conference voiced concerns that the conservative religious right dominates discussions of faith and morality in American politics.

They complained that issues such as abortion and gay marriage seem to take priority over hunger, corporate crime and even the war in Iraq.

"The sound bites and the headlines have co-opted people of faith," said the Rev. Tom Heeger, pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church in Manchaca, south of Austin. "It would be a surprise to a lot of folks to discover that there are some very faithful, regular church attendees who aren't going to vote for Bush."

## In N.Y., Nader backers file to put him on ballot

By MARC HUMBERT  
The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Supporters of Ralph Nader's independent presidential campaign said Wednesday that they had filed enough petitions with the state to put him on the New York ballot.

In New York, independent candidates for statewide office must submit petitions containing the signatures of at least 15,000 registered voters to qualify for the November ballot.

"The campaign submitted more than 27,500 signatures," said Mark Dunlea, a state Green Party leader assisting the Nader effort.

Should the Nader petitions be certified as valid on

Sept. 27 by the state Board of Elections, he would be on the state ballot as the candidate of the specially created Peace and Justice Party.

Nader is not expected to be a factor in the New York election where polls show Democratic challenger John Kerry with a large lead over President Bush in the battle for the state's 31 electoral votes.

As the Green Party's candidate for president in 2000, Nader collected just 244,030 votes in New York, compared to 4.1 million for Democrat Al Gore and 2.4 million for Bush.

The deadline for filing independent party petitions for the November election in New York was Tuesday.

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## IN THE WORLD

## British court orders terror suspects held

BY JILL LAWLESS  
The Associated Press

LONDON — Eight men accused of plotting to commit murder and cause mayhem with radioactive materials, toxic gases, chemicals or explosives appeared in court Wednesday in a case linked to a U.S. terror alert this month.

None of them entered a plea; they were ordered held in custody until a court appearance next week.

Among the defendants was an alleged senior al-Qaida operative also charged with scouting prominent financial targets in the United States, including the New York Stock Exchange, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

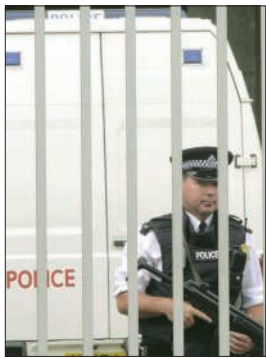
Prosecution lawyer Sue Hemming said all eight suspects were motivated by "a strong and deeply held ideology" and were willing to carry out extreme acts.

Hemming said police have around a hundred computers and thousands of files to examine as part of what looms as a long and complex investigation.

"We've only hit the tip of the iceberg as far as a lot of this evidence goes," she told the high security Belmarsh Court in south London.

Kirsten Johnson, speaking for lawyers representing six of the defendants, said outside court that "the charges will be fully contested" but "it would be inappropriate to comment further at this stage."

The charges, filed Tuesday after two weeks of interrogation, for the first time officially linked the Aug. 3 arrests across Britain and a series of arrests last month in Pakistan to the Aug. 1 terrorism alerts surrounding the New York Stock Exchange and Citigroup Inc. headquarters, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank buildings in Washington, and the Prudential Financial Inc. building in Newark, N.J.



An armed British police officer looks through the gates of the high security Belmarsh Court in London, as a van carrying terror suspects waits to enter the inner core Wednesday.

One defendant, Dhiren Barot, 32, was charged with possessing reconnaissance plans for the New York Stock Exchange, the International Monetary Fund, and the Citigroup and the Prudential buildings; and with possession of notebooks containing information on explosives, poisons, chemicals and related matters.

A U.S. official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Barot is the suspected al-Qaida figure previously identified as Abu Elsa al-Hindi or Abu Musa al-Hindi.

Barot was described as a trusted senior al-Qaida operative who was sent in early 2001 to do surveillance on possible economic and "Jewish" targets in New York on the orders of al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden, according to U.S. interrogations of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the mastermind of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

## Bomb defused near site of visit between Blair and Berlusconi

BY AIDAN LEWIS  
The Associated Press

ROME — Police defused a bomb in a town near Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's villa on the island of Sardinia on Wednesday shortly after British Prime Minister Tony Blair finished a visit there with the Italian leader.

Police official Giovanni Lopresto, speaking by telephone from the Sardinian city of Olbia, said bomb-disposal experts found and defused a device containing dynamite, a fuse and a timer near a trash can in Porto Rotondo, a few miles from the villa. The bomb was set to explode at 4:30 a.m. local time, police said.

It was discovered after a tip-off from a radical leftist group. Authorities said they did not believe the device was directed at Blair, who left Sardinia several hours before it was set to go off. The explosive had a potential deadly range of about 11 yards, they said.

A caller claiming to be from an extremist group called the Proletarian Groups for Communism phoned in a warning to the island's *Unione Sarda* newspaper late Tuesday, saying the organization had planted two bombs, said Patrizia Mozzi, a journalist from the paper.

Mozzi said the caller gave the location of only one device. She

said the caller told her, "We promised a summer of fire and this is the response to Berlusconi. War against war" — an apparent reference to Italy's role in the Iraq conflict, which leftist groups here fiercely opposed.

Italy's ANSA news agency reported earlier that two explosive devices had been found, but Lopresto, the police official, insisted only one was discovered.

Proletarian Groups for Communism has claimed responsibility for several attacks in recent years, generally aimed at conservative politicians, businesses and union officials. It is one of several domestic political terror groups that have plagued Italy for decades.

Blair left Sardinia on Tuesday evening after a two-day visit at Berlusconi's villa, returning to Tuscany where his family is vacationing. Berlusconi's villa is on the northeastern coast of Sardinia, near Porto Rotondo.

Security was tight during Blair's visit, with police stopping cars traveling on a road near the villa for document checks.

Officers with sniffer dogs patrolled the outskirts of the villa.

The measures came amid high security across the country following a series of threats against Italy in the name of radical Islamic terror groups. The threats have been published on Islamic Web sites.

## Testimony links Hamburg defendant to 9/11 hijacker

BY DAVID RISING  
The Associated Press

HAMBURG, Germany — A Moroccan accused of helping the Sept. 11 suicide hijackers introduced a Sudanese student to a group around lead pilot Mohamed Atta, whose members raged against the United States "because it defends Israel," the student testified Wednesday.

Ahmed Maglad, 30, testified he met defendant Mounir el Motassadeq while living in Hamburg in 1997 and through him met Atta, who he said was "aggressively religious" and was always trying to "prove something."

Maglad told the Hamburg state court that Atta became "too much" for him — one reason he changed schools and moved to Berlin in 1998. In contrast, he portrayed el Motassadeq as firmly allied with Atta.

"Mounir and Atta didn't have any quarrels and Mounir once suggested when I was of a different opinion that I should be quiet," Maglad testified.

He said he also knew Ramzi Binalshibh, the suspected co-

factor behind al-Qaida and the Hamburg cell that included three of the suicide pilots.

"Everybody spoke out against the United States because it defends Israel," Maglad said. The Hamburg group believed that "the foundation of Israel was unjustified, and the Palestinian conflict was always a topic for Atta."

El Motassadeq's retrial began last week after his conviction for helping pilots Atta, Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Jarrah was overturned in March on appeal.

A court ruled then that he was unfairly denied evidence from U.S.-held al-Qaida suspects including Binalshibh.

When the retrial opened last week, the court heard U.S. interrogation summaries in which Binalshibh maintained that only he and the three Hamburg-based suicide pilots — but not el Motassadeq — knew of the plot.

Prosecutors hope witness testimony like Maglad's will offset those statements by showing how closely others were involved with the plotters and their discussions of jihad, or holy war.

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# Defense: Evidence in Cole trial not credible

BY AHMED AL-HAJ  
The Associated Press

SAN'A, Yemen — The defense lawyer representing five men accused of plotting the 2000 attack on the American destroyer USS Cole disputed on Wednesday evidence presented by the prosecution in the case.

Abdul Aziz al-Samawi, defense lawyer for the five men, said the evidence presented by the prosecution "lacked credibility" including the origin of the explosives and boat used in the bombing.

He also questioned the prosecution's insistence on trying in absentia Abd

al-Rahim al-Nashiri, the sixth defendant and the alleged mastermind of the attack.

Al-Nashiri is in U.S. custody at an undisclosed place. Yemeni officials have said they have asked the United States to hand him over.

"This insistence is aimed at making my clients scapegoats in this case," he said.

The prosecutor, Saeed al-Agel, challenged al-Samawi's claim that the Yemeni government was aware that al-Nashiri was in U.S. custody and that authorities have asked for his extradition.

"This is not true. We have no official documents confirming that he is in U.S. custody," al-Agel said, adding that he was not

aware of any official request sent to the Americans to extradite al-Nashiri to Yemen.

Al-Nashiri's court-appointed lawyer, Mohammed al-Azali, also disputed the evidence against his client, and urged the court to dismiss the case.

The Oct. 12, 2000, attack killed 17 American sailors when two suicide bombers rammed an explosives-laden boat into the Cole as it refueled in the southern Yemeni port city of Aden. The attack was blamed on Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network.

Al-Samawi said the prosecution failed to present evidence tracing the boat and explosives used in the bombing to his clients.

He also said that a video camera the prosecution said was used to film the attack was not advanced enough to film the incident, considering the distance between the house the alleged bombers used as a hideout and the location of the Cole. He also cited lack of a tape of the bombing as a further flaw in the prosecution's evidence.

The six accused have been charged with belonging to al-Qaida, forming an armed gang with the purpose of carrying out crimes against the state, resisting authorities and forging documents.

If convicted, the men could be sentenced to death, though that sentence is unlikely.

The trial was adjourned until Aug. 25.

## Pakistan ad lists wanted terror suspects

The Associated Press



An advertisement of Pakistan's six most wanted terrorists is seen in a Pakistani newspaper Wednesday in Islamabad, Pakistan.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan published photos Wednesday of six terror suspects, including a top al-Qaida operative accused of plotting two attempts to assassinate the president, and offered large rewards for information leading to their arrests.

The advertisement published in the country's leading newspapers carried a photograph of Abu Faraj al-Libbi, a Libyan accused by President Gen. Pervez Musharraf of being behind two failed attempts on his life.

Musharraf escaped unhurt in both attacks in December, when terrorists tried to blow up his motorcade on a road near the capital, Islamabad. The first attack did not injure anybody, but 17 people died in the second attack.

Since then, Pakistani police and security agencies have been

looking for al-Libbi and other suspects believed responsible for the two attacks.

On Wednesday, Pakistan offered a reward of \$345,000 each for information leading to the arrest of al-Libbi, believed to be a top al-Qaida operative, and Anjad Hussain, who is best known as Anjad Farooqi, a Pakistani militant who also allegedly played key role in the two attacks.

Four other suspects whose photos were published in the newspapers were Mati-ur-Rahman, Qari Ehsan, Omar Agdas and a man identified as Mansoor with an alias Chota Ibrahim. It was not immediately clear why those four were being sought and differing rewards were offered for their arrests.

The advertisement gave no details about the nature of charges, saying only that the men are and "wanted for acts of terrorism."



Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat addresses a heckler following his speech to a session of the Palestinian Legislative Council on Wednesday at his headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

## Arafat responds to government critics, admits to mistakes

BY STEVEN GUTKIN  
The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Yasser Arafat acknowledged Wednesday that the Palestinian Authority has made "mistakes," but the rare admission appeared to be aimed more at deflecting criticism about his corrupt government than making real changes.

In a decade at the helm of the Palestinian Authority, Arafat has resisted attempts to get him to fight official corruption, reform the security services and relinquish some of his near-absolute powers. It was difficult to say how sincere he was in the vague comments in a televised speech to parliament, which apparently referred to negligence in the face of graft and not to the authority's role in violence or Middle East peace negotiations.

"There were wrong practices in some institutions, and some misused their positions," he said. "There were not enough efforts to strengthen the rule of law, the independence of the judicial institutions. ... But we have begun measures to solve this."

In the Gaza Strip, meanwhile,

Israel set off an explosion in an olive grove near the house of a senior Hamas activist early Wednesday, killing five Palestinians — at least four of them militants — and wounding seven. The main target of the attack, Hamas activist Ahmed Jabari, escaped with light injuries.

Later in the day, Palestinian militants fired two mortar shells at the Jewish settlement of Neve Dekalim in the southern Gaza Strip, wounding one person, Israeli military sources said.

In his speech to parliament, Arafat acknowledged there is some official corruption, said those engaged in wrongdoing should be prosecuted and reiterated that he would streamline the security forces. However, he gave no specifics.

One of his harshest critics, former Cabinet minister Abdel Jawad Saleh, shouted that Arafat himself was protecting the corrupt.

Arafat got angry, responding with an indignant question: "I'm protecting them?" Saleh said after the speech that Arafat is not serious about reforms and warned there could be a nonviolent "Palestinian uprising against this authority very soon."

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## OPINION

## Missing from the campaign trail: Potholes

BY MARY FITZGERALD

The Washington Post

**T**he deputy prime minister punches a man after being pelted with an egg at a party rally. The voters, shaken from their campaign turmoil, cheer as the tussle is replayed on TV. That same day, the prime minister is hospitalized outside a hospital by an angry voter, and his political rival is forced to abandon canvassing after some protesters turn rowdy. An unlikely farce? No — just another day in the 2001 British general election campaign.

By contrast, the U.S. presidential campaign trail is a far more mundane affair, as seen through the eyes of a visiting journalist from the United Kingdom. With everything so carefully stage-managed and relentlessly on-message, very little is left to chance. At each rally, the candidates appear with a gripe or an awkward question kept very much on arm's length. It's all about the flattering but bland TV shot or photo opportunity.

On the Kerry-Edwards campaign trail last week, I was struck by how little the candidates deviated from the same speeches and banalities they've been trundling out

since the Democratic convention, give or take the odd, rather contrived nod to local tastes — such as Kerry's dropping the name of the local pizza joint or ice-cream parlor.

Unscripted, genuinely spontaneous moments are rare — the only one that stands out is Kerry donning a cowboy hat and a guitar for an impromptu performance of "Johnny B. Goode" in Jefferson City, Mo. It's left mostly to Teresa Heinz Kerry or the Bush twins to inject color and sass in an otherwise lackluster campaign.

The lack of spontaneity fails to dampen the crowd's enthusiasm, however. Far from it. They laugh uproariously when Kerry gives his well-worn "John Edwards was voted Sexiest Politician by People magazine ... I read People magazine" spiel, though they've probably heard it a dozen times.

Many people I spoke to at several rallies were grateful simply to catch a glimpse of "someone who could be president someday," as one woman put it. It's a far cry from the skepticism and suspicion on the campaign trail in the United Kingdom. Anyone pitching a political candidate with the constant refrain "Hope is on the way" would go down like a lead balloon in Belfast.

Political journalists back home complain that it is becoming increasingly difficult to get access to politicians at election time, but compared with the United States it's a piece of cake.

Daily news conferences are the norm in Britain, and Prime Minister Tony Blair has been known to stroll through his campaign plane and have informal chats with the assembled journalists. No access here.

Take, for example, Edwards canvassing



with Barack Obama at a Chicago diner the day after Alan Keyes announced he was running for the Senate. Much to the reporters' chagrin, they were told that neither Edwards nor Obama would take any questions on the Keyes-Obama race, despite it being one of the big political stories of the day.

News conferences on the presidential campaign trail are rare and, with the Secret Service acting as a buffer zone between politicians and reporters, most interaction is reduced to listening to the stump speech delivered a dozen times by the candidates. That, and consuming the stale language of news releases.

Much has been made of the influence of American-style politics on political parties in Britain, particularly on Blair's Labor Party.

Some commentators there lament the move away from good old-fashioned politicking in favor of slickly choreographed campaigns, spin doctors and focus groups. But as the antics of the 2001 election campaign proved, British politicians and voters can still be relied upon for some rough-and-tumble on the hustings. Heinz Kerry would feel right at home.

Fitzgerald, of the Belfast Telegraph in Northern Ireland, is reporting for The Washington Post as a Laurence Stern Fellow.

## Playing gay card par for governor's unethical course

BY CAL THOMAS

Tribune Media Services

**A**dd "gayness" to patriotism and religion as a final refuge for scoundrels.

In a remarkable announcement last Thursday, Democratic Gov. James McGreevey said he would resign his office after the November general election because pressure associated with his homosexuality would not allow him to effectively do his job.

Disgraced black political figures have long played the race card to deflect criticism about wrongdoing. Some Republicans have wrapped themselves in the flag or religion for the same reason. Now we have a governor playing the "gay card," garnished with a little religion — a twofold in the self-justification Olympics.

McGreevey is indictable — figuratively and possibly literally — for plenty of things that have nothing to do with his sexual practices or his religion. Corruption was not invented in New Jersey, or by McGreevey, but it has found a bipartisan home there.

McGreevey's reputation as "lover," Golan Cipel, who claims he is not gay and was sexually harassed by the governor. McGreevey put him on the state payroll with a six-figure salary to look after homeland security, despite his having no qualifications for the job.

Cipel is an Israeli citizen and does not have the proper security clearances to access classified documents. McGreevey aides say that Cipel tried to get \$50 million at a "cash settlement" from the governor, as well as his approval for a private medical college in the state.

Then there is William D. Watley. He re-

signed as secretary of the Commerce and Economic Growth Commission during an investigation into his former chief of staff and because of a possible conflict of interest surrounding an \$11.5 million government loan (which was ultimately canceled) for construction at the church where Watley is pastor.

Roger Clugh, a McGreevey campaign aide in 2001, was appointed assistant secretary of state but resigned amid accusations that he offered special government treatment to businesses and also threatened businesses in order to raise campaign contributions.

David D'Amiano, a Democratic fund-raiser, is another person connected to McGreevey who's been accused of such practices. He has been indicted on charges that he offered a farmer government fa-

vors in exchange for \$40,000 in campaign contributions.

Both Gary Taffet, McGreevey's chief of staff, and Paul Levinsohn, the governor's chief counsel, resigned, and a federal grand jury is investigating whether their bill-board company benefited financially from their government connections. Taffet has also been charged with insider trading by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

All of this has occurred during a two-and-a-half-year-old administration. But in New Jersey, it's usual business.

Taking religious refuge, McGreevey said he doesn't believe God deliberately keeps people down. He's right. People make their own choices and benefit, or not, based on their decisions.

McGreevey then performed a little theological sleight of hand. He said he believed that "God enables all things to work for the

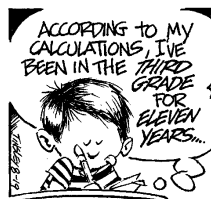
greater good." That's a reference to Romans 8:28. But McGreevey left out the rest: "to those who have been called according to his purpose."

What about McGreevey's current wife (a former wife left him), who stood beside him and held his hand? We have seen this "stand by your man" tableau before, most recently with Hillary Clinton, but also with Lee Hart (wife of the wanderer Gary Hart) and Eli Barry (former wife of the former Washington, D.C., mayor Marion Barry).

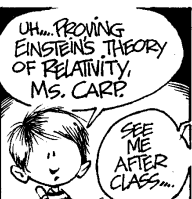
How sad to see these women trotted out to give their husbands moral cover for their immoral acts. They might as well be saying, "I'd like to thank my wife for standing by me and demeaning herself, because I have been a jerk with little concern for HER feelings."

New Jersey needs a political exorcism, but in a state run by a Democrat machine, who can effectively play the integrity card?

## Mallard Fillmore



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BY BRUCE TINSLEY

## Defraud charges

**GA** ROSSVILLE — A man was charged with defrauding major retail stores across the Southeast by changing the universal product codes on merchandise.

Ricky W. Nation, 41, of Rossville was arrested and charged in a four-state merchandise spree. Officers confiscated more than 900 pieces of merchandise worth an estimated \$60,000.

Authorities said Nation changed the price stickers at stores like Wal-Mart, Target and Kmart in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and North Carolina.

"He would get two vacuum cleaners worth \$499 each and put the UPC code of a \$55 cleaner on one of them," said Steve Wilson, the Walker County sheriff. "Then when he checked out, the clerk would scan the one with the lower price twice, and he would leave with a \$1,000 worth of cleaners for \$110."

Police said Nation, who sold some of the items on eBay, is an example of a career shoplifter.

## Popcorn choking death

**NY** VALLEY STREAM — A 3-year-old boy choked to death while eating popcorn at a movie theater.

Deontea Riley, of New York City, was at the Sunrise Multiplex Cinemas in Long Island's Valley Stream watching "Alien vs. Predator" with his parents and older brother when he began to choke shortly before 7 p.m. Sunday, Nassau County police said.

The family all had been eating from a small tub of popcorn when Elaine McIntosh, the boy's mother, saw that her youngest son was choking.

His parents rushed him out of the theater where they performed the Heimlich maneuver without success.

"I was trying everything," his father, Eddie Riley, told the Daily News on Tuesday's edition. "I was trying to put my finger down his throat. I didn't feel anything."

Police arrived shortly afterward and tried to clear the boy's airway by performing CPR, but it was pronounced dead at Mercy Medical Center in Rockville Centre.

## Kudzu solution

**TX** DALLAS — For the past few weeks, Bill, Vi, Pearl and Smiley have been contentedly munching away while enjoying some of the best views of the Dallas skyline.

The four goats are a low-tech solution to a stubborn problem, said Monte Anderson, whose company, Options Real Estate, is developing a new mixed-use center named Dilbeck Court.

But in the midst of the high-end restoration and construction, Anderson encountered a growing problem: rampant kudzu, which has become a major pest plant throughout the South, covering trees, utility poles, old cars and even homes.

In hot, humid conditions, the perennial vine can grow as much as a foot a day.

"We did some research and found out we couldn't burn it because it's inside the city limits."

"We could cut it down, but then whenever we dumped the cut-



tings, it would grow like crazy," Anderson said.

That's when he and his associates thought about goats.

Dale Green, Dallas County horticulturalist for the Texas Cooperative Extension service, said livestock experts have found that goats are indeed an effective way to control kudzu.

## Twisting history

**PA** MOUNT JEWETT — The Kinzua Viaduct, a railroad bridge that was once the longest and tallest in the world, has been taken off the National Register of Historic Places because of a tornado that ripped apart the engineering marvel last July.

But what really bothers state historians is the date on which that decision was made official: July 21, the one-year anniversary of the tornado whose 94 mph winds toppled the trestle.

"I was struck when I saw that it had been removed ... on the exact anniversary date," Greg Ramsey, who works for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's Bureau of Historic Preservation, said Monday.

Ramsey said state officials had no choice but to petition federal officials to remove the viaduct from the National Register, but said the date of that final determination — which was publicized Monday — was just an unhappy accident.

Officially, the viaduct was removed from the register because the storm damage ruined its "integrity" — that is, the structure's soundness and similarity to its original condition.

The Rendell administration decided it could not afford an esti-

mated \$45 million to rebuild the bridge.

## Candidates wanted

**CA** VENTURA — Nearly half of Ventura County's local November elections are uncontested, including races in nine school districts, six water districts and two city councils.

About 17 percent of mayoral races and 4 percent of council races in California go uncontested, according to a 2002 study by a nonpartisan research group.

## Developing nature

**MI** HARRISON TOWNSHIP — A developer has bought a 155-acre forest and wetland that Macomb County township had planned to acquire for a nature preserve.

Harrison Township was to pay \$1 million for the property. Developer Guy Rizzo offered an additional \$250,000.

Township Supervisor Mark Knowles said Rizzo told him he would let residents use the land for "passive" recreational uses.

## Banned T-shirts

**AL** WETUMPKA — Elmore County students can no longer wear T-shirts bearing the Confederate flag, a picture of Malcolm X or any other emblems that could be considered offensive.

Students can wear clothing depicting the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

The county Board of Education voted to change its dress code to adhere to its harassment policy, said James Myers, assistant superintendent. It defines harassment as anything that distracts students or faculty from completing work.

## Documents released

**CT** HARTFORD — The Connecticut Legislature released more than 85,000 pages of documents that were used in the impeachment investigation of former Gov. John G. Rowland. The documents include tax forms, personal letters and e-mails of Rowland's financial investments.

Legislative attorneys are sifting through another 400,000 pages of documents to determine which should be made public under Connecticut's open government laws.

## No flights to Molokai

**HI** HONOLULU — Hawaiian Airlines has bid aloha to Molokai, making its last flight to the island.

Hawaiian announced in June that it was cutting the only daily flight to the island because of low passenger turnout. Commuter airlines are expected to pick up Hawaiian's passenger and freight business on Molokai.

## Vintage rail cars

**MO** KANSAS CITY — Directors of Union Station hope a new, permanent attraction of 11 vintage rail cars will bolster flagging attendance at the city's historic train depot.

The cars date from the first half of the 20th century and contain 200,000 items from the era, including dining-car china and vintage travel posters.



**If you can't take the heat...** A firefighter shields his face from the heat as he walks past the historic International Order of Odd Fellows building that was consumed by a wildfire in French Gulch, Calif.



**Moove bird brain** A cow grazes in a pasture among white birds along a rural Alabama road near Camden.



**My little pony** James Walsh, of Tuscarora, Md., and his miniature horse are silhouetted against one of the open doors in the Midwest Livestock and Expo Center in Springfield, Ohio, as he waits to show the small equine at the Mid America Miniature Horse Show.



## Feline savior

**Mystic, Conn., firefighter Lt. Jeremy Knapp carries one of many cats rescued from a house fire in Groton, Conn.**





**Overcome** A Lufkin, Texas, police officer carries Jessica Hutchison, widow of slain Bossier City police officer Trey Hutchison, after she fainted following funeral services for her husband at First Baptist Church in Bossier City, La. Hutchison was shot and killed answering a 911 call.



**Organic harvest** Dennis Dierks and his wife, Sandy, walk on their organic farm after harvesting some vegetables and apples in Bolinas, Calif.



**Free fall for fun** John Barlow, center, and his children, Jonathon, 9, left, and Lauren, 11, hold on tight as the Super Shot amusement ride plummets to the ground at the 55th Annual Prince William County Fair near Manassas, Va.

## Geico returns

**NI** TRENTON — Geico returned to the Garden State, 28 years after leaving it because of mounting losses.

The company is the second insurance concern to enter the state since insurance reform legislation was signed 14 months ago. Investor Warren Buffett, whose Berkshire Hathaway company owns Geico, said the state's insurance reform and get-tough approach on fraud helped lure Geico back.

## Presidential planter

**AK** LITTLE ROCK — A University of Arkansas student began planting 94 trees and shrubs on an island in the Arkansas River near the Clinton Presidential Library.

Jon Raney has spent the summer researching the state's flora and organizing tree plantings for the 30-acre park, where the presidential library is to open Nov. 18.

## Boxer fatally stabbed

**TX** SAN ANTONIO — A boxing champion from South Texas was found stabbed to death on Monday, police said.

Robert Quiroga, 34, was pronounced dead Monday morning at University Hospital in San Antonio.

A passer-by on Interstate 10 flagged down an officer, who found Quiroga lying next to his car. San Antonio police spokesman Sgt. Gabe Trevino said.

Quiroga, nicknamed "Pikin," or little hot pepper, for his scrappiness in the ring, was the first San Antonio boxer to win a major world title.

He beat Juan Polo-Perez in 1990 in England, winning the International Boxing Federation super fly-weight title.

## Chemical weapons ruling

**OR** PORTLAND — A judge refused a request to halt the incineration of aging chemical weapons at the Army's Umatilla Chemical Depot by a group that says the process is not safe.

Judge John A. Wittmayer on Monday agreed with the state and with civilian contractor Washington Demilitarization Co. that the request for an injunction would best be heard in the state Court of Appeals.

Another case involving the destruction of Cold War-era weapons at Umatilla is already pending in that court.

## Order to cut acid rain

**NY** ALBANY — In response to a court loss in the spring, the state is ordering emergency regulations to force power plants to reduce emissions blamed for acid rain in the Adirondacks and Catskills.

State Environmental Conservation Commissioner Erin Crotty announced the order Tuesday along with an appeal of the May decision by a state Supreme Court judge in Albany.

Power plants had sued the state over its anti-pollution regulations. The judge found the state had

missed a deadline to adopt the regulations, but upheld the state's right to establish the strict measures.

"New York state is fully committed to achieving the objectives of Governor Pataki's Acid Rain Initiative which will result in a significant decrease of harmful acid rain pollutants," Crotty said.

## Happy homecoming

**IN** KOKOMO — A pregnant tortoise missing for about a week was returned home unharmed in an Army duffel bag.

David and Brenda Morris said they discovered their 90-pound African Spur Thigh tortoise named Mother on their front porch Sunday in the city about 50 miles north of Indianapolis.

Mother had been missing since someone was seen about a week ago taking her from the couple's backyard. David Morris said the theft brought him to tears, comparing it to "waking up and finding your 21-year-old son or daughter missing from your home."

When she was found Sunday, Mother was hungry but otherwise safe, the owners said.

## Stadium ceremony

**WA** SEATTLE — Alexis Russo and Chris Lundberg found the perfect place to tie the knot: in a field. A football field.

About 260 guests attended the wedding of Russo and Lundberg, two 21-year-old Seattle Seahawks fans — on Sunday at Qwest Field, the NFL team's stadium.

"We met through the Seahawks and now we're getting married here at the stadium," Lundberg said. "I can't think of a more perfect spot to have it."

Each has been attending Seahawks games since childhood.

Mutual friends introduced them at a sports bar before a game last year after Russo began studying communications at Arizona State University. Lundberg had recently moved to Phoenix to work as a firefighter.

## Musical Marine

**MI** ROMULUS — Bagpipes are seldom, if ever, heard at the L.C. Smith Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

But the man playing them Monday, 1st Sgt. Dwayne Farr of the U.S. Marines, had just come home from a place where they were just as unlikely to be heard: Fallujah, Iraq.

Farr unpacked his bagpipes in the baggage claim area, assembled them and performed the "Marine Corps Hymn" and "Amazing Grace."

The Marine Corps flag was mounted on a pipe as he played. Afterward, some people shook Farr's hand; one man said, "I'm proud of you."

Farr, 38, of Detroit, spent seven months in Iraq. He was reunited with his wife, Roxanne, 35, and their sons, Marcos, 14, and Dwayne Jr., 15, who live in Occidente, Calif., and with other relatives who live in Detroit.

His battalion lost nine Marines, including one from his company.

Stories and photos from wire services

## YOUR MONEY

## E-mail scams offer millions, make millions

BY PETE ALFANO

Knight Ridder

FORT WORTH, Texas — An caller identified himself as Barrister Fred Omoba and said he was representing Madam Rose Chimere. He was following up on an exchange of e-mails about transferring millions of dollars to my bank account on behalf of "Madam Rose," as he called her.

Government red tape threatened to tie up her fortune, Madam Rose had written, and she wanted to find an offshore account to stash it. I would be well compensated for my assistance.

Imagine my good fortune. Not only was Madam Rose interested in sharing her wealth with me, but there were at least a dozen other e-mails in my folder promising to make me an instant millionaire.

Who needs the lottery? Anyone with an e-mail account is probably familiar with solicitations like the one from Madam Rose. In fact, you also may have received one from her.

These are examples of advance fee fraud, or "419" — so-called for the section of the penal code that addresses fraud in Nigeria, where this scam is believed to have originated.

Although the stories seem preposterous, some people can't resist these get-rich-quick schemes, beckoned by visions of early retirement, an easy way out of debt, or a life of luxury.

Someone wants you to become

## Borrowing cash online is dangerous gamble

BY KYLE HUNTLEY

St. Petersburg Times

Need some fast cash? The Internet is loaded with companies eager to provide it. They advertise small short-term loans — usually up to \$500 — with fast approval and overnight electronic delivery of the cash to your computer account. Bad credit? No problem.

But you'd better be the gambling type. Taking out a loan over the Internet could be even more dangerous to your financial health than borrowing money at the check cashing place down the block — and that's saying a lot.

a partner in a business venture, or to help a member of royalty or the aristocracy, a deposed government official or a grieving widow transfer assets to a bank account in your name to keep it out of some government's hands.

All you have to do is pay "up-front fees" so that a bank account can be opened in your name and the funds transferred to it.

The trouble is, the scam artists keep coming up with additional fees, until they have cleaned you out of your savings — or until a light finally goes on and you realize that you've been had.

The FBI's Internet fraud complaint center estimates that victims of 419 fraud lose an average of \$3,400 each.

"I've been in law enforcement for 27 years, and I'm amazed how

gullible and foolish people can be, from the rich and famous to the guy on the street," said Mark Lowery, special agent in charge of the Secret Service field office in Dallas.

Advance-fee fraud has spread beyond Nigeria to South Africa, Dubai and Iraq, among other countries. It is one of the most elaborate and lucrative Internet schemes.

The scheme has been around for years, law enforcement officials say, originally in the form of letters or faxes. It has spread like a computer virus with the growth of the Internet.

"A vast majority of people who get a big haul and delete the e-mail," Lowery said. "But I've seen older people throw away their life savings, thinking they

hit a great windfall. And I've seen a pretty smart business individual lose hundreds of thousands."

In Nigeria, scam artists are said to operate out of Internet cafes where they send hundreds of e-mails daily, like a fisherman casting a net. They are trying to ensnare unsuspecting "fish," as victims are called on the Internet.

Some of the more brazen come-ons ask for bank account and other personal information in the first e-mail. If you take the bait and give your phone number, you can be sure the scam artists will call.

Barrister Omoba, representing Madam Rose and probably using an alias, spoke with an accent. His voice was muffled as well, making him all the more difficult to understand.

When he eventually was informed that he was speaking to a reporter who was skeptical about the business venture, and about whether Madam Rose even existed, he was undeterred.

But he finally hung up when the questions persisted and he was asked to theorize why the reporter had received so many other similar e-mail propositions to share him.

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"The level of our work has become quite professional," said Lowery. "Under the screen name for a man who is a member of Artists against 419 and lives in Wiesbaden, Germany. "We have established contacts with Scotland Yard, the U.S. Secret Service and South African police forces."

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## TUESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

52-week		Low		High		Low		High		Low		High		Low		High	
Low		High		Low		High		Low		High		Low		High		Low	
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3,122.2	2,695.50	Dow Jones Transportation															
285.15	234.04	Dow Jones Utilities															
10,216.5	5,533.35	NASDAQ Composite															
1,278.85	956.65	Amex Index															
14,574	27.74	SP 500															
1,163.23	983.57	S&P 500															
497.39	549.26	SP 500															
696.42	471.92	Russell 2000															
11,717.14	9,510.91	DJ Wilshire 2000															

NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ			
Most Active (\$1.00 or more)				Most Active (\$1.00 or more)				Most Active (\$1.00 or more)			
Name	Vol	00	Last Chg	Name	Vol	00	Last Chg	Name	Vol	00	Last Chg
Alcoa	27,545	23.1	+0.6	Nasdaq100	87,538	32.4	+0.1	Intel	56,384	35.1	+0.9
General Motors	2,918	13.39	-0.1	SP 500	10,216.5	10,216.5	0.0	Microsoft	42,724	27.05	-0.4
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# Stripes Travel

## Are we welcome in Europe?



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One of Notre Dame Cathedral's famous gargoyles looks as if it could be pondering world events as it scans the Paris skyline.

## A check of 4 cities tells the tale

BY ALAN SOLOMON  
Chicago Tribune

**H**ere's what you should know about conditions for Americans traveling in Europe these days.

Europeans don't hate us. They may not like a certain high-profile American, but if you have the decency not to say his name, they won't either.

Example: Pierrick Brunel owns a Paris souvenir shop. Have the French, I asked, soured on Americans? Brunel, who had been affable to that point, turned affably serious. "Politics is politics — but we can never forget what America did for us in the Second World War. Never."

You hear that a lot. And there's no need to hide the fact that you're American. In London, a college kid was wearing a Mets cap. The only harassment he got was from me, appalled

that anyone would ever wear a Mets cap. Anti-U.S. graffiti? Hard to find.

What follows is the result of 12 days exploring London, Paris, Rome and Madrid. Briefly: Things cost a little more, because the exchange rate isn't great. And events such as the invasion of Iraq have had their impact.

But for Europeans' feeling about us? Turn to Page 24.



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Recent college grads, from left, Sarah Merante, Lori Moses, Nicole Maniglia and Elizabeth Farrell, all from Pennsylvania, join the throngs on Rome's Spanish Steps.

# Let's Go

BY JAYNE TRAENDLY

Stripes Travel researcher

## Winning could be a snap!

Been to Holland recently and taken the photo that best describes the country? Then, enter it into a contest organized by [www.holland.com](http://www.holland.com) and win a Gassan diamond, iPod, Gassan Swatch watch or another prize and be published online.

The picture must be sent before Sept. 17 either online or by post. For the address and details, click on "Photo Contest" at the Web site.

## Take a shot

Don't have photo skills? Develop them on a 10-day trip for amateur photographers to Tuscany, the Cinque Terre and Lucca, Italy.

The trip, starting Sept. 15, includes visits to such photogenic locations as Siena, Montepulciano, San Gimignano, the Italian Riviera, Portofino, Camogli and the medieval town of Lucca.

Cost is \$2,815 per person, double occupancy (single surcharge \$250), including lodging, breakfasts, three dinners, and ground and boat transportation.

The trip is offered by France Photogenique, Torrance, Calif., phone (310) 378-2821, Web site [www.francephotogenique.com](http://www.francephotogenique.com).

## Thanksgiving in Egypt

Head south during the winter months on a trip to Egypt organized by Ten & One travel and led by popular guide Graziella Sefek. It runs Nov. 20 to 27.

Some of the highlights include the pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, the ancient capital of Memphis, Fayyum, site of the World War II Battle of El-Alamein, Alexander the Great's Alexandria, the Suez Canal and Cairo, site of the Egyptian museum with King Tutankhamen's treasures and the Abu Sarga church, where it is said that Mary, Joseph and infant Jesus took shelter during their flight to Egypt).

The cost is \$1,695 per person, double occupancy, and includes round-trip airfare Frankfurt-Cairo, security and airport taxes, hotel accommodations, buffet breakfasts, dinners, one specialty dinner, motor coach transportation, sight-seeing transport, entrance fees, transfers, visa fee and guides.

For reservations, send a fax to (+49) (0) 821/24 34 21 or an e-mail to [aten@tenandone.com](mailto:aten@tenandone.com). Or call Graziella at (+49) (0) 8231/2134.

## Vail special for returning troops

From Jan. 9 to 14, the Vail and Beaver Creek Resorts and surrounding communities of the Vail Valley of Colorado are saying "thank you" to American troops with "Vail Valley Armed Forces Week."

Discount packages are available for members of the U.S. armed forces, reserves, retirees, veterans and DOD civilians and their families. Activities include street parties, skiing, snowboarding, après ski parties.

# Best bets for the week

**DENMARK:** Travel back 500 years to Horsens' annual medieval market, which runs tomorrow from 5 p.m. to Saturday midnight. One of the largest medieval events in Europe, it includes medieval crafts, workshops, music, theater, jousting in the Town Hall Square, sword fights, military camp and food and drink. After sunset, the market is lit only by torches, open fires and candles to continue the medieval mood. For details, check [www.middelalderfestival.dk](http://www.middelalderfestival.dk).

**ENGLAND:** Experience the 17th century in Nottingham Castle this weekend at a historical re-enactment staged by Europe's largest re-enactment society, The Sealed Knot.



This young lad gets into the spirit at a past Sealed Knot re-enactment at Nottingham Castle in England.

The event is set during the times of Charles I and the English Civil War. It includes combat firing, free craft workshops, a living history camp, changing of the guard, drill displays, story-telling, food stalls, mini sketches and skirmishes and a treasure hunt.

Tickets are 2 pounds for adults and 1 pound for children and are available at the castle. The telephone number is (+44) (0)115/915 3740.

The organization will be recruiting that day, so if you're interested in joining, you can get information or, says the spokesperson, even end up taking part in the pipe and musket drill. The Web site is [www.sealedknot.org](http://www.sealedknot.org).

**SPAIN:** Two hours — that's how much time participants in Buñol's La Tomatina have to hurl 125,000 kilos of tomatoes at each other starting at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the village's annual vegetable fight. According to



Thousands of people throw tomatoes at each other during La Tomatina, a city-wide tomato fight in Buñol, Spain.

**www.spanish-fiesta.com**, the squishy tradition began in 1945 when young people wanting to join a carnival parade of giant headed figures pushed one of the "heads" too hard. In the ensuing riot, people grabbed tomatoes from a nearby stall to use as weapons. And the result of the chaos? A food fight that has put Buñol on the festival map. Anyone can join in — as long as you soften your "ammunition" by squishing your tomato before throwing it.

— JAYNE TRAENDLY

The packages cover lodging, airport shuttle, ski school and lift tickets. Make online at [www.vailarmoredforces.com](http://www.vailarmoredforces.com) or at (800) 730-4827.

## Viking ship sets sail

On Sept. 4, a reconstructed Viking warship, the Skuldelev 2, will be launched at the Viking Ship Museum in Roskilde, Denmark.

Centuries ago, the ship and four other Viking ships sank in Roskilde Fjord. The museum tells about their history, excavation and reconstruction.

For more, go to [www.vikingshipmuseum.com](http://www.vikingshipmuseum.com).

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# Milan, 'Hollywood' goes edgy

## Models and sports stars dance till dawn at club

BY SETH HAMBLIN  
The Washington Post

It's midnight on a Sunday, and fashion models and pro soccer players pack the VIP room at Hollywood Rhythmetique in Milan, Italy. They're a jeans and T-shirt crowd — Armani jeans and Dolce and Gabbana T-shirts, that is.

I'm trying to chat with Roberto Galli, the club's art director, but the pulse of Sean Paul's "Get Busy" has thrown everyone into a fit of dancing. We push past a curtain into a backstage area, and he hands me an absurdly strong vodka and soda.

Still it's hard to talk. First, in pops the DJ for a quick smoke, his tousled hair filled with styling products to make it look fashionably greasy and unwashed. Then two knockout women sneak through the curtain to stash their tiny coats. After they leave, Galli lets it drop that one of them was last year's Miss Italy and her friend is a Milanese TV anchor.

Galli has me peer around the corner. Against the wall, the captain of the AC Milan soccer team holds tight to his wife, a former Venezuelan model, as the DJ switches up from 50 Cent to Mary J. Blige.

The captain's team beat archrivals Rome that day and the whole city is pumped. While the fans are straggling home with the team's colors painted on their faces and flags tied around their shoulders, the victors have descended into this small, dark, time-worn club to celebrate.

It is a testament to the club's staying power. After two decades on the scene, Hollywood — at the end of Corso Como, a popular night-life area near the city's central train station — remains a top spot for celebrities and fashion industry people.

There are many newer and trendier clubs in Milan, but Hollywood's intense outreach



Photo courtesy of Hollywood Rhythmetique

In Milan, Hollywood Rhythmetique pays recruiters to bring the good-looking and famous to the club.

still pays off. Galli says the club pays five people to lure models from fashion shoots and agencies to the club — and two more to bring in athletes — to ensure that enough really good-looking people are around at all times.

Sean Paul, Adrien Brody and Naomi Campbell have all hung out in the VIP room, according to the club's celeb list. And afterwards here during big fashion events are the norm.

Sunday is a particularly hot night for TV personalities, models and soccer players. Partially, this is because the soccer teams don't have to get up for practice on Monday mornings. Also, homesick foreign models are invited to come for free pizza and movies.

Hollywood maintains a solid crowd each night except Monday, when it's closed. Tuesdays are devoted to modern R&B and hip-hop. Wednesdays are a gay-themed night. Thursdays through Saturdays, the DJs move from hip-hop to house as the night progresses.

Officially, the club opens at 10:30 p.m. and closes at 3 a.m. In reality, doors open well after 11 p.m. and the party carries on until 5 in the morning.

The club's American name reflects its roots in the '80s, when it catered to American models with a stateside rock sound while other clubs were playing Eurodisco. The name, however, does not reflect the look of the club.

Hollywood remedies its interior

every year with a new theme. This year it's ancient Mexico, with huge mosaic snake heads and skulls plastered to the glossy black walls. After a six-week break that ends later this month, the club will reopen with a fetish theme, such as handcuffs gathering black drape.

The capacious VIP room has a long bar and plenty of tables and dance space. A rail divides the VIP area from the main room, and a bouncer who makes the Rock look like a ballerina guards the passage.

The club has a strict policy: Only celebrities or well-known club regulars willing to buy a full bottle of alcohol are admitted.

Out in the main room, a DJ is playing funky house music. Bar-



### If you go

**Hollywood Rhythmetique** is at 15 Corso Como in Milan. The nearest metro station is Garibaldi. Entry is \$25 and includes one drink. For information, call (+39) (02) 659-8996 or visit [www.discothequehollywood.com](http://www.discothequehollywood.com).

— THE WASHINGTON POST

tenders with stony faces sling drinks at the bar. A flat \$12 for each cocktail speeds the transactions so there's little wait.

Even the bathroom is a scene. The wall that joins the men's and women's rooms holds a blackboard-size mirror — but the women can see through it while the men preen at their own reflections. I pop into the women's side to check it out and watch a guy fix his wave with gel and a comb, unaware I'm watching. I learn from that members of the Offspring, the Southern California band, mooned women through the mirror when they visited the men's room.

It's my second night of partying at the club and I don't have the stamina to last until morning. I find a cab to zip me to my hotel, where a mirror is just a mirror, and the mini-bar booze for once seems like a bargain.

# Find a grape escape in Italy this fall

From wire services

**Q.** My husband, son and I would like to travel to Tuscany or Umbria this fall to help harvest grapes or olives. How can we arrange this?

**A.** How about staying in an "agriturismo" (a farmhouse, to you and me) with vineyards and olive groves that allows guests to take part in the harvest? Grapes are typically picked in late September and early October, and olives are harvested later in November.

There are scores of farmhouses, especially in Tuscany, that fit the bill. Bin Nardin, spokesman for Tuscany.net, a lodging booking site, had these recommendations:

■ **Cretaiolo**, a 14th-century farmhouse outside of the town of Pienza in Tuscany. Activities include "lessons on making

pasta by hand, guided nature walks and mountain bike rides, wine and olive oil tastings, visits to olive presses and wineries, guided visits to Pienza's historical Hermitage (located on our property), truffle digs, participation in the harvesting of grapes and olives." An apartment for two costs about \$115 a night.

■ **La Torriola**, near the town of Todi in Umbria. Grape and olive picking, wine tasting and cooking courses are offered at various times. An apartment rents for about \$100 a week in September and October.

■ **Locanda le Boscarecci**, an estate in Castelluccio, near Florence, which has courses in Tuscany cooking and basket weaving, plus visits to ceramics work-

shops. After the harvest, the stay ends with a traditional harvest dinner. Price for three is about \$200 a night.

You can book through an Internet agency, such as [www.tuscany.net](http://www.tuscany.net), or go to a travel guide, such as [www.agriturismo.com](http://www.agriturismo.com), which describes properties and lists contact information. Italy Farm Holidays, ([www.italyfarmholidays.com](http://www.italyfarmholidays.com)) can also help you find and book properties.

Be sure to rent a car while you're there to see the lovely surrounding countryside.

**Q.** Can you recommend any great cooking schools in Italy?

**A.** Italian cooking schools are "hot" right now, and there are scores of courses. ShawGuides ([www.shawguides.com](http://www.shawguides.com)) is a good resource for finding the right school. Most courses are held in the spring and fall. Several schools that get consistently good reviews include:

■ **Diane Seed's Roman Kitchen** ([www.italiangourmet.com](http://www.italiangourmet.com)), which offers several courses in Rome, Puglia and the Amalfi Coast. A six-day course with lodging in Puglia starts at \$2,800 per person, double.

■ **Italian Cookery Course** at Casa Ombrino in Tuscany ([www.italiancookerycourse.com](http://www.italiancookerycourse.com)). Prices start at \$2,135 double for eight days with lodging.

■ **Cooking With Giuliano Hazan** ([www.giulianohazan.com](http://www.giulianohazan.com)), held at the Renaissance Villa Giona near Verona. Prices start at \$3,700 per person double for a six-day session.

You can also consult a tour company that specializes in Italian cooking vacations. Choices include Cook Italy ([www.cookitaly.com](http://www.cookitaly.com)), the International Kitchen ([www.theinternationalkitchen.com](http://www.theinternationalkitchen.com)) and Culinary Vacations ([www.culinaryvacationsinc.com](http://www.culinaryvacationsinc.com)).

## TRAVEL Q&A

# The monks' secret green elixir

Time-guarded recipe produces liqueur said to ensure long life

BY LEAH LARKIN

Special to Stars and Stripes

**I**t's shrouded in mystery and secrecy. Only three monks secluded in an ancient monastery know its magic formula, one that has survived wars and attempted thefts. And those monks have taken the vows of chastity, poverty, obedience — and silence.

Green Chartreuse, or Chartreuse Verte, is a potent, 110-proof liqueur with a wimpy green color. First mentioned in 1605, it is made from the seeds, leaves, fruits, flowers and roots of more than 130 plants. It is not everyone's cup of tea: Some rate its strong herbal taste disgusting, but others praise it, if not for its taste, then for its healthful properties.

The monks also make a less potent yellow Chartreuse, called Chartreuse Jaune, that is only 80 proof.

Ludvine Besson is a hostess at the Chartreuse monastery in Voiron, France, which offers tours of the cellars and samples of the elixir. She likes both versions, but especially the green.

"I had a sore throat yesterday. I could hardly breathe," she says. So she made a mixture of hot chocolate, honey and green Chartreuse, and drank one in the morning and one in the afternoon. By evening, she says, she was "perfect."

Thus are the powers of Chartreuse, whose production is simple though the exact proportion of its ingredients is unknown. The 130 herbs listed in the recipe are first left to macerate in a carefully selected alcohol, then distilled. Distilled honey and golden syrup are added to produce the green and yellow liqueurs that then age for several years in huge casks.

While Chartreuse is meant to be an after-dinner drink served cold, it is also touted as an innovative cocktail addition to be mixed with vodka, gin, whiskey, orange juice, tonic water, etc. And there's always hot chocolate.

I tried it with hot tea and honey to cure a cold. I wasn't cured, but I definitely felt better.

Monastery visitors are treated to a delightfully entertaining film about the monks and their brew before following a guide through the long, dark and musty cellars, claimed to be the world's largest liqueur cellar, where Chartreuse ages in oak casks.

The monks responsible for this liqueur are members of the Carthusian order, which was founded in 1032 by Saint Bruno. He left the University of Rheims to withdraw from the world and lead a monastic life. Grenoble was his goal, where he was welcomed by the bishop, who had wanted to build a shrine to God in the mountainous wilderness. Seven stars are said to have led the way to the lonely site where Bruno and his six companions built wooden cells, a chapel and a few other buildings. It became known as La Grande Chartreuse, and the buildings on the site today are the main monastery of the Carthusian order.

Through the years the monks grew crops and raised livestock for food. The monks dug mines, and extracted iron ore, which they turned into cast iron, fired in blast furnaces fed by charcoal processed



PHOTOS BY LEAH LARKIN/Special to Stars and Stripes

An exhibit on Chartreuse liqueur in the cellar of the monastery in Voiron, France, features a mannequin of a monk in an old-fashioned apothecary. The cellar is said to be the world's largest liqueur cellar.

from the wood from surrounding forests and powered by water from the mountains. They made a valuable contribution to the local economy, having at one time 11 furnaces employing local workers.

But their fortune with metal did not last. By the early 18th century, better means of production led to the gradual closure of their furnaces. The monks had to find a new economic activity.

So they dug out an ancient and treasured recipe for an "elixir of a long life" from a manuscript given them in 1605,

more than 100 years earlier. Brother Jerome Maubec, the monastery's apothecary, began to experiment with the old formula. His recipe is still used to produce Herbal Elixir of the Grande Chartreuse, which, at 142 proof, is bound to give you a kick, if not a long life.

When the monks disappeared during the French Revolution, one kept the precious recipe, but he was arrested and sent to Bordeaux. He managed to sneak the formula to another monk. However, figuring the Chartreuse monks would never again be able to brew the green liquid, that monk gave the recipe to a pharmacist in Grenoble, a Monsieur Liotard.

Then came Napoleon, who declared that secret remedies must be submitted to the Ministry of Interior for use by the government. Liotard dutifully sent out the recipe, but it was returned with the stamp, "Refused."

When Liotard died, the manuscripts were re-



Ludvine Besson, hostess at the Chartreuse monastery, pours a visitor a glass of Chartreuse.



## If you go

**■ WHERE:** The Voiron monastery is in the Rhone Alps north of Grenoble, France.

**■ HOURS:** Tours of the Chartreuse cellars run 9-11:30 a.m. and 2-6:30 p.m. from Easter to Nov. 1. Between Nov. 1 and Easter, the monastery can be visited 9-11:30 a.m. and 2-5:30 p.m. weekdays (except national holidays). During July and August, tours are offered nonstop from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

**■ WHAT TO BUY:** A gift shop at the monastery sells liqueurs as well as herb teas and other herb products. Souvenirs, such as T-shirts, are also available.

**■ INFO:** For more information on the monastery and liqueur, go to the Web at [www.chartreuse.fr](http://www.chartreuse.fr). For more information on the Carthusian order, see [www.chartreux.org](http://www.chartreux.org).

— LEAH LARKIN

turned to the monks. They set up production again, adding to their repertoire by developing the milder yellow Chartreuse.

There were many attempts to steal the recipes, and in 1903 trouble befell the monks again. They were expelled from France, but took their recipe with them to Spain where they set up production at a distillery in Tarragona. They returned to Marseille in southern France in 1929, but it wasn't until 1935 that they made it back to La Grande Chartreuse and resumed creating the golden and green liqueurs.

Today Chartreuse is sold in 100 countries, with the United States being one of the largest export markets. Besson, the monastery hostess, says about a million bottles are produced annually, with the profits being directed to the support of the some 40 monks who live at the Voiron monastery, as well as the Carthusian monks living in 23 other monasteries run by the Order around the world.

"I find it amazing that only three monks produce so much," she says. "I've been here three years. I've seen the monks. I know they do it themselves."

But while the liqueur has become well-known, its formula has not and never will. According to information from the monastery, the three monks are entrusted with the powerful secret by their order and are never to reveal it.

"They work in the greatest of secrecy and are the only ones who know the details of the manufacturing," the monastery information says. "Even today, the formula remains a mystery which modern investigation methods have not been able to penetrate."

Leah Larkin, a member of the Society of American Travel Writers, is a journalist living in France.

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# Do Americans have a

## ROME: Eternally welcoming

## LONDON

**P**eople, primarily young people, have been sitting on this city's Spanish Steps for centuries. It's what they do here — sit and chat and rest weary legs, flirt, lick gelato and swap tips on hostels. It's as Roman as throwing coins into fountains and eating arancini.

And here, nothing has changed. Sarah Merante, just out of Penn State, was sitting with three girlfriends on the Spanish Steps in late May. All four are from Pennsylvania. They had already been to Milan and Naples, and this was Day 2 in Rome. The rest of the Continent lay ahead.

They came to Europe not knowing what to expect. In that, among Americans, they had company. Now here they were, in the sunshine of a spectacular day in the Eternal City, looking eternally happy.

"Our parents were like, 'freaking out,'" Merante said. "But everybody's been very nice so far. We even met some people from France, and they were very nice."

"Well," said Elizabeth Farrell, one of the girlfriends, "one girl from France said Americans talk like ducks." Rome looks terrific. It also, on this visit, looked nicely crowded with people from everywhere, including the United States. The Steps were buzzing. The little plaza around Trevi Fountain was alive with tourists and with hawkers peddling bubblemakers.

Late on a Saturday afternoon, the Roman Forum (where Antony came to bury Caesar, not to praise him) was still bustling with folks carrying guidebooks, cameras and bottles of water. Nearby, even this late, it was a half-hour wait to get into the Colosseum.

New at the Colosseum: metal detectors. "It's been since Easter," said a guide.

"You see a lot more police and (police) cars," said another guide, this one in the Forum. "We're just following the worldwide trend, but people here are casual about it. It's not like we're expecting something to happen."

I didn't see a lot more police and police cars, but here, and elsewhere, it's locals who can tell the difference — while Americans see only sunshine.

Rhonda Silva, a transplanted New Yorker and public relations person living in California, had just walked through the Forum's grand Arco di Settimio with her husband.

Anti-American has-sles? "Absolutely not. I have not heard anything negative, and I've been here a week," she said. "The people have been very welcoming. They want to connect." "No," said Katie Bulger, just graduated from the University of Georgia, also at the Forum, "but we've been helped a lot be-

cause we're Americans."

Sunday, thousands — both the devout and the secular, in languages familiar and not — sloshed through a steady rain to celebrate St. Peter's Basilica and the mass inside.

They also sloshed through metal detectors just to get into St. Peter's Square.

"It's since 9-11," said a Catholic priest from Minnesota, here with friends from home. "You never had to have security to get through the Vatican. It's really sad."

But once inside, the sadness vanished, replaced by awe. St. Peter's is something.

In any case, security is not unknown here. Michelangelo's Pieta has been behind a glass shield for more than 30 years, since a hammer attack defaced the statue. The Swiss Guards have protected the pope here for 500 years.

Even with the security, old and new, the fountains of Rome continue to mesmerize Americans, and monuments still dazzle, and the pasta still fattens. Eternally, if you will.

### STORIES BY ALAN SOLOMON

Chicago Tribune

**T**he band marched toward Buckingham Palace as the Guard changed. The music was familiar. It was the "National Emblem March." You'd know it if you heard it. It isn't Sousa, but it's pure America, right down to its musical quotes from "The Star-Spangled Banner." Thousands listened — and nobody booed. Good sign.

Marshall Dark, a retired insurance man from North Carolina, watched the spectacle wearing a Carolina Panthers cap and a polo shirt honoring the Duke Blue Devils.

Any anti-American sense in London? "If there is, I haven't seen it," he said. "I was just telling a friend back at the hotel 'Thank God for the British. If we didn't have them, we wouldn't have any friends at all!'"

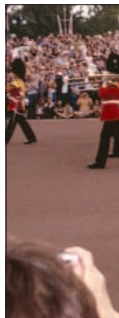
Of the four cities visited on this excursion, the most inescapable unease was here. Across from the houses of Parliament, anti-war placards were stacked, evidently waiting for someone to wave them, or for a camera.

That morning, two men sitting in a House of Commons visitors gallery had tossed powder at Prime Minister Tony Blair. Some of the powder hit him.

The substance, which turned out to be cornstarch, was harmless. The scare was real. The chamber was evacuated.

But a few hours later, Commons was back in session, and visitors with neither credentials nor invitations were allowed into the gallery as usual after a frisking.

Is security always this tight? "It goes up and down," said a guard. We watched a debate from behind a



During the popular Ch...

protective glass "screen" weeks earlier, wasn't it?

In the Tube, the London speakers advised riders to be announcement said: "The package on the platform near Station is currently..."

Minutes later, our train "ed" at Green Park Station. I heard few complaints.

I asked a distinguished man if this happens of-

## PARIS: Politeness

**T**he differences are subtle here. For instance, the familiar dark green metal trash receptacles along sidewalks, in parks and in most Metro stations have been replaced by clear plastic bags. "It is for security," said the manager of a Latin Quarter café. "You can see what is in the bags."

Behind Notre Dame Cathedral is a memorial to the thousands who were sent from France to concentration camps, most never to return. Normally, just one worker watches over the Deportation Memorial. These days, he's joined by two plain-clothes soldiers, there to check bags and help keep watch.

"When there is trouble somewhere in the world," said Jean-Luc Dupuy, the civilian, "there is more security here."

There is more security here and there in Paris, especially since the March 11 train bombings in Spain, but it doesn't get in the way of a good time.

Paris remains Paris, which is a very good thing to be. Maybe it was the fabulous weather — but whatever it was, the town seemed downright siddy.

And let's address this "The French don't like Americans, especially now" nonsense right here.

Terra Higgins, 21, a student at Missouri Southwestern State University in Joplin, was in the city with fellow students doing cross-cultural research.

They were here, partly, to see whether the French — especially Parisians — don't like Americans.

"I haven't encountered a rude person yet," Higgins said. "If you try to be polite with them, they're wonderful people."

It was in Paris where I spotted the only Cubs hat seen on this European swing. In fact, this particular

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Rome's Colosseum continues to draw visitors to Italy's Eternal City as it has since its completion by the Emperor Domitian in the first century A.D.



# bad name in Europe?

: 'We're in it together'



PHOTOS BY THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE/KURT

ing of the Guard ceremonies in London, a policeman, right, keeps an eye on the crowd.

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ain was "termination, forcing riders to their destinations. I ned-looking gentlemen.

"Fairly often," he said, calmly. "Terrorism and all that."

The package, like the powder, proved harmless. That night, terrorism or not, West End theaters were full of theatergoers. Among the tougher tickets: "Jerry Springer: The Opera." Restaurants were doing a lively business.

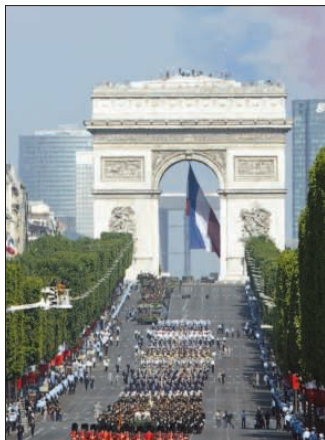
On another street, a woman in clothing appropriate to her profession was encouraging potential customers to enter an establishment that charges about \$500 per 15 minutes of "conversation."

She was wearing a pink Yankees cap. At Tate Modern, London's wonderful, free museum of modern art, notices announced that its major summer exhibition would honor American Edward Hopper.

In pubs, traditional parlors of free speech, attempts to draw attention to my being an American for the purpose of instigating a heated debate, did not work. Two slightly more successful attempts elsewhere drew mainly expressions of concern for our servicemembers and near-identical, resigned expressions of, "But we're in it together, aren't we?"

## s still pays

was spotted twice — once in London, once each time on the head of Jim Hartzberg of ILL., visiting Paris with fellow grads from rsity of Virginia. ents may not be thrilled to know he was a Cubs hat in London and Paris. His parents on the other hand, be pleased to know the hat both times at museums. wanted us to say, 'We're Canadian,'" he said rry to Napoleon's Tomb. "But I'm not really blend in. I feel like I'm a typical obnoxious L." obnoxious American who, he said, had no problem with the locals at all. tory up at the top of the Eiffel Tower, where rls from Brigham Young University-Idaho ing it all in. ed it would be a lot worse here, but it hasn't d Laura Houston. "Sometimes they're a yed with us," conceded Candice Williams. t love it here," said Alix Frye. ase of the Eiffel Tower, five soldiers carry-provided a reassuring presence as they usually among the visitors. They didn't aim e like Paris is an armed camp. No one, for passes through metal detectors to get into he Cathedral. Anyone willing to pay about b the cathedral towers and have a e experience with a gangly can do it with-frisked by the attendants. ron the likelihood of having your pockets hich can happen to any unsuspecting foreign-bad being an American in Paris at all.



Paris remains a city of great sights, such as the famous Arch de Triomphe. It's difficult not to have a good time here; anti-American sentiment is not obvious, if it exists.



American icon Minnie Mouse still generates nothing but delight at Madrid's Puerta del Sol.

## MADRID: Little talk about the war

Every bullfight is a drama, a one-act play — which is why, at Madrid's Plaza de Toros de las Ventas, they only seat people between acts. Latecomers have a beer at a bar on the concourse, watch the action on TV and wait.

It was at one of those bars where two Spanish men probably in their 30s, eyes never entirely leaving the TV, did the best they could to explain, and show, an American stranger the difference between various matador moves.

They spoke virtually no English. My Spanish is mainly limited to food.

When the doors opened, we all shook hands and smiled and waved farewell.

Two months earlier, terrorist bombs on four commuter trains had killed almost 200 Spanish civilians.

Yet, the only war discussed among us at that bar was the ritual in the ring. Whatever the political fallout — and it was intense here — it never surfaced in the interaction between those Spaniards and this American.

That's how it is here. "They peg us as Americans right away," said Christian Puttli of San Francisco, "and I've felt none of that."

"No one's even brought it up."

said his wife, Tonya. "The people have been super nice."

As in other European cities, the direct question "Do you still like us?" gets a response. "I like everybody," said a bellman, "except ..." But that's as far as it goes.

Madrid is terrific, especially its art museums (and especially the Prado), architecture, boulevards, the bullfights (not for everyone, obviously), and its restaurants and tapas bars. It's hard not to have a good time here.

Madrid is not a city obviously in mourning.

The trains are functioning. A ride through the stations where the March 11 bombings took place finds no real reminders of the tragedy, aside from some extra security people. Memorial gestures, primarily signs showing black ribbons, are few.

Even at the main Atocha Station, site of much of the carnage, everything seems normal, which introduces this: The Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia is across the street from Atocha Station. Inside is a work of art that, for years, was separated from the public by security glass. It is Picasso's "Guernica." It is a powerful work depicting the horrors of war.

Today, even after the horrors of 3-11, the security glass is gone.

# Small equals beautiful on Croatian isles

BY CAROL PUCCI  
The Seattle Times

I followed the woman along a stone path toward a house hidden among a grove of orange trees.

"Deutsch?" she asked. The look on her face was hopeful. "No," I said. "I don't speak German. English?" I asked.

She smiled and shook her head "no."

She had a room to rent. I understood that much, and my husband and I were looking for a place for the next few nights as we explored a trio of small isles in the Adriatic sea off the coast of Dubrovnik, Croatia.

We walked the next couple of seconds in silence as I tried to remember my phrasebook Croatian.

"What's your name?" I finally asked.

"Anel," she beamed, throwing her arm around my shoulder and giving me a hug. "You speak Croatian!" And then she told me in halting English that she has an uncle in Texas.

We reached her concrete bungalow and walked to the second floor. She led me into a bright, simply furnished room with a brown and white plastic chairs positioned to catch advantage of the sea view.

"How much?" I asked. I wasn't sure I understood her answer, so I asked her to write it down. It sounded like she said \$30. She did.

The islands off the Southern Dalmatian coast in what was part of the former Yugoslavia brim with Venetian-style architecture and sandy swimming beaches.

Attracted by prices half of what they are on the other side of the Adriatic in Italy, European tourists flock to Croatia in the summer. Guidebooks point travelers toward well-developed Hvar, Brač and Korčula, but locals favor the quieter Elaphites, or Deer Islands, 13 smaller islands that curve along the Adriatic coastline, none more than an hour and a half by ferry from Dubrovnik.

Lopud, the second-largest of the Elaphites, is the most developed, but "development" here translates into a handful of restaurants, one store, two hotels and no cars. Only the occasional motorbike or electric cart interrupts the sounds of birds singing and church bells ringing.

With about 400 residents, Lopud measures just three square miles — two hills, each with a rocky valley shaded by cypress and pine trees — small enough to cross on foot from one side to the other in less than an hour.

I walked back to the water-



SEATTLE TIMES/KRT

A village woman repairs a fishing net on the island of Sipan off the Southern Dalmatian coast of Croatia. The island is part of a chain known as the Elaphite Islands or Deer Islands, and can be reached by passenger ferry from Dubrovnik.

front to fetch my husband and our suitcases. Ten minutes later, as we were unpacking, we heard a knock at our door. An appeared with a platter of pancakes filled with homemade jam and glasses of orange juice. We drank the juice but saved the crepes for later, and went in search of lunch.

Following the scent of honey-suckle and lemons, we climbed a wooded path above the ferry dock to Konoba Peggy, a seafood restaurant with a shady terrace and a view of a Franciscan monastery built in 1483.

Lopud was the regional headquarters of the Republic of Dubrovnik in the 15th century, and nobles built their summer villas here. Scattered around the island were 24 churches and two monasteries. The ruins of many remain.

Lunch was a platter of crunchy, fried sardines, a fresh salad, cheese marinated in olive oil and two beers, all for about \$7. Afterward we followed a concrete walking path that cut through pine forests and olive groves to a beach on the opposite side of the island at Sunjaj Bay.

A few days earlier, when we had been in Dubrovnik and taken a day-trip to Kolocpet, the smallest of the Elaphites, we discovered the meaning of "FKK" (an abbreviation for the German word "Freikörperkultur," meaning Free Body Culture) when we



The bell tower of a parish church dominates a panoramic view of Sipan's Luka on Sipan Island.

saw the letters painted in red on a shed near a rocky cove. "Stop! Place for Nudists," was written in English on a stone pathway.

We spotted the FKK sign again, this time on Sunjaj, and followed it to a stretch of sand where several people were sunning their nude selves and snacking on calamari from one of the beachfront cafés.

The next morning, while waiting for the early ferry coming from Dubrovnik, we learned more about what it means to live on a secluded island.

The owner of Lopud's one store was waiting on the dock with a red wagon. So was the waiter we recognized from the Konoba Peggy and a moustached man from the café near the nude beach. Once the ferry docked, everyone rushed to unload their booty. Off came rolls of toilet paper, garden hoses, bags of fertilizer, loaves of bread, bottled water, a keg of draft beer, boxes of lemons, heads of lettuce, sacks of potatoes and two potted plants. The job was completed in 10

minutes, and the ferry took off again on schedule for Sipan, the largest of the Elaphites, about 45 minutes by boat from Lopud, and the only one of the three islands that allows cars.

Two settlements on Sipan, Sipanska Luka and Sudurad, are connected by a road that cuts across 10 square miles of cow pastures, lavender fields and olive groves. We got off at Sipanska Luka, a quiet fishing village tucked into a horseshoe-shaped bay flanked by limestone hills.

Our plan was to look for a place for lunch, then hike across the island about three miles to Sudurad where we could catch a late afternoon ferry back to Lopud.

We got a lot of people but not a lot of commercial tourism like Lopud or Dubrovnik," explained Tana Brajovic, owner of the Placa Shop.

We bought tiny bottles of brandy made with local cherries and olive oil extracted with ancient stone presses. A flask of red liquid contained an herbal potpourri

for clearing up scars. Like the other Elaphites, Sipan enjoys a mild Mediterranean climate, ideal for growing lavender, elder, sage and other aromatic herbs. "People come here who love nature and peace," said Brajovic.

It was a lazy, sunny afternoon, but the possibilities for lunch around the harbor at first looked disappointing. There was a bar that served pizza and a hotel restaurant near the ferry dock. Then we looked across the water on the other side of the bay, and spotted the white umbrellas outside a café called Konoba kod Marka.

Marka Prizmic greeted us in work clothes, a hammer in his hand.

"Are you open?" I asked. Things were slow, so he was using his spare time to make a few repairs. "If you want, I can prepare you something," he offered.

He seated us inside near an open window and motioned to a side table filled with dozens of colored bottles of local liquors and brandy. "Help yourself to anything. It's free."

Then he went to work in the kitchen no bigger than a walk-in closet. Soon the restaurant was filled with the smell of garlic and shrimp sizzling in olive oil. He brought a plate of cheese in oil and two glasses of white wine.

"It's nice, huh?" he said glancing out the window at the bay.

"Yes," I said. "You must love it here."

"I'm very happy."

We were happy too, especially with our \$15 bill.

We hiked across the island to catch the return ferry at Sudurad and were back on Lopud in time for dinner and one more sunset.

The next morning, the ferry back to Dubrovnik didn't leave until noon, so we sat on the bed trying to decide whether to make a break for breakfast on the waterfront.

Then Ane knocked at the door. This time she brought a plate of hot fritters dusted with powdered sugar, a pot of coffee and a pitcher of warm milk. She pointed to her watch to make sure we knew what time the ferry left.

Then after we packed, she insisted we come into her living room. She went to a cabinet and took out what looked like bottled water. "Benzine," she said, rubbing her stomach.

Benzine? My Croatian phrasebook failed me this time. She filled two shot glasses. "Just a little, just a little," she insisted. "Water?" I asked.

"No water," she smiled. "I put the glass to my lips, and then I knew. It was 10 a.m., and we had just been offered a shot of homemade schnapps. It would have been rude to refuse."

Ane kissed my hand and we picked up our suitcases and stepped out into the rain. I looked back. Ane was standing in the doorway, waving goodbye.

Contact the Croatian National Tourist Board at (800) 329-4416 or go to <http://us.croatia.hr>. Also see [www.visit-croatia.co.uk](http://www.visit-croatia.co.uk), which links to ferry schedules.



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# Volksmarch

The Heidelberg International Wanderer Club holds its annual Volksmarch on Sept. 4 and 5. You'll find more information in coming columns but, for now, there are two things you need to do: sign up as a volunteer and register for the Fifth Annual Commander's Cup.

The club typically hosts more than 5,000 walkers from throughout Germany and the neighboring countries. Obviously, to handle such a massive crowd requires a massive amount of help to staff the control points along the 5-, 11-, 22-, 42-, and 50-kilometer trails. And don't forget, someone has to cook the food, serve the drinks, sell the start cards, stamp the start cards ... Do you see where I'm going with this? The club needs help — your help — to have a successful event.

Something else that you need to start now is organizing your team for Heidelberg's Annual Commander's Cup. Participants can Volksmarch either day to earn credit for your team.

For more details about the Commander's Cup, and to volunteer your team Saturday and/or Sunday, contact Rob or Cath Floyd by phone at (+49) (0) 6227-841226 or (+49) (0) 172-629338 or e-mail them at [hawey@yahoo.com](mailto:hawey@yahoo.com). You also can check out the club's Web site at [www.hiwc.de](http://www.hiwc.de) for more information.

You'll read more about the Heidelberg annual walk in the coming weeks, so be sure to pick up the paper!

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Miscellaneous short notes about this week's Volksmarch event:

■ **Young-Walkers'-Tour**, or Bambini-Liga, credit is available at Bärnchen and Creglingen, Germany.

■ **Wednesday's walk** in Dudweiler, Germany, starts 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the 5K and 10K and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the 20, the finish time is 7 p.m. There is no prize.

■ **And then there's the "humy day" event** in Langenloisheim, Germany ... the 5K and 10K begin 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the 15K begins 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Finish time is the same as at Dudweiler: 7 p.m.

■ **A glass beer mug with the Saar and Pfalz crests** is the souvenir at Lambsborn, Germany. The 6-, 10- and 20-kilometer trails are all suitable for Nordic walking (with poles).

■ **Bärnchen**, Germany, is a "suburb" of Zulpich and is sometimes listed as Zulpich-Bärnchen.

■ **Take home a walking boy figurine** for completing the 6-, 11- or 20-kilometer marches in Neustadt (Hessen), Germany, this weekend. A teapot candle holder B-medal is also available in limited quantities.

■ **The walking club in Polch**, Germany, holds its first bicycle event this weekend in addition to the walking events. Bike 30K or walk 5K, 10K or 20K both days. The prize is a Coca-Cola model semi truck.

■ **Walk, bike, or do both** on Saturday or Sunday in Villingen-Marbach, just south of Villingen, Germany. Your souvenir is a B-medal.

■ **This event** just 29 kilometers from Triberg and then see the sights in the Black Forest. Climb the Triberg waterfall, the highest in Germany. Check out the

Here are events sanctioned by the International Federation of Popular Sports (Internationaler Volksportverband, or IVV) near U.S. military installations in Europe. Locations are noted in the host language when possible. Find more extensive lists on the Web at [www.ivv.org](http://www.ivv.org).

Country/Town	Day(s) and Time(s)	Code	Km.	Starting Point	Award	Directional Reference
<b>Belgium</b>						
Soubort	Sat Sun 0700-1400	F	7, 12, 21	Salle Communale	Sticker	SE of Verviers
Soubort	Sat 0700-1200	M	42	Salle Communale	Sticker	SE of Verviers
<b>Denmark</b>						
Gisleve	Sat 1830-1900, Sun 0800-1100	-	5 & 10	Centralskole	No award	SE of Odense
Gisleve	Sun 0800-1000	-	20 & 30	Centralskole	No award	SE of Odense
Hadsund	Sat 0900-1100	-	6, 12, 18	Skole	No award	N of Randers
Hadsund	Sat 0900-1000	-	29	Skole	No award	N of Randers
Hillerød	Sat Sun 0800-1200	-	7	Hillerødsholmskolen	No award	NW of København
Hillerød	Sat Sun 0800-1100	-	12 & 21	Hillerødsholmskolen	No award	NW of København
Hjerring	Sat 1700	-	5 & 10	Høndergadeskolen	Patch	SE of Odense
Ryslinge	Fri 1800-1900	-	10	Sogneskole	No award	SE of Odense
Ryslinge	Sat 0700-1200	-	5, 10, 20	Sogneskole	No award	SE of Odense
Ryslinge	Sat 0600-0900	-	30	Sogneskole	No award	SE of Odense
Ryslinge	Sat 0600-0700	M	50	Sogneskole	No award	SE of Odense
Vennebjerg	Sun 0900-1100	-	6 & 11	Maskinstation	No award	W of Hjerring
Vennebjerg	Sun 0900-1000	-	15 & 26	Maskinstation	No award	W of Hjerring
<b>France</b>						
Bouzonville	Sun 0700-1300	F	10 & 20	Gymnase Noël	No award	W of Saarbourg
Grosbiedestroff	Sat & Sun 0600-1400	F	11	Salle des Fêtes	No award	NW of Sarreguemines
Grosbiedestroff	Sat & Sun 0600-1200	F	20	Salle des Fêtes	No award	NW of Sarreguemines
Grosbiedestroff	Sat & Sun 0600-0900	M	42	Salle des Fêtes	No award	NW of Sarreguemines
Siewelers	Sun 0700-1400	F	10 & 20	Terrain de sport	No award	NW of Savonne
<b>Germany</b>						
Bürvenich	Sat 1400-1830, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	5 & 11	Haus Lebenshilfe	B-medal	NRW, W of Euskirchen
Bürvenich	Sat 1400-1630, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	21	Haus Lebenshilfe	B-medal	NRW, W of Euskirchen
Creglingen	Sat & Sun 0600-1300	F	6, 10, 20	Stadthalle	Cat coffee cup	FRU, NW of Rothenburg
Creglingen	Sat & Sun 0600-1100	F	5, 10, 20	Mehrzweckhalle	Peace candle holder	RP, NE of Bad Kreuznach
Dudweiler	Wed 0700-1700	F	10	Vereinshaus	No award	SAR, NE of Saarbrücken
Dudweiler	Wed 0700-1500	F	20	Vereinshaus	No award	SAR, NE of Saarbrücken
Irenheide	Sat 0800-1100, Sun 0700-1100	BFX3.5	5, 10, 20	Ortsmitte	B-medal	OPF, SE of Amberg
Karlsruhe-Hohenwettersbach	Sat 1100-1500, Sun 0700-1300	DF	5 & 10	Lustgarten-Halle	Lantern	BWN, SE of Karlsruhe
Karlsruhe-Hohenwettersbach	Sat 1100-1300, Sun 0700-1300	DF	20	Lustgarten-Halle	Lantern	BWN, SE of Karlsruhe
Laberweinting	Sun 0600-1100	F	5, 11, 20	Schulturnhalle	Model semi truck	NDB, SW of Straubing
Lambsborn	Sat 0600-1400, Sun 0600-1300	F	6, 10, 20	Dorfgemeinschaftshaus	Beer mug	RP, SW of Kaiserslautern
Lambsborn	Wed 0700-1200	BFX	10	Wald am Forsthaus	B-medal	RP, NE of Bad Kreuznach
Langenloisheim	Wed 0700-1600	BFX	15	Wald am Forsthaus	B-medal	RP, NE of Bad Kreuznach
Laufbach	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	F	6, 10, 20	Mehrzweckhalle	Piggy bank	SCH, S of Memmingen
Neustadt (Hessen)	Sat 1400-1800, Sun 0700-1300	BFPX	6 & 11	Turm-Sporthalle	Wander boy figurine	HE, NE of Stadtallendorf
Neustadt (Hessen)	Sat 1400-1600, Sun 0600-1200	BFPX	20	Turm-Sporthalle	Wander boy figurine	HE, NE of Stadtallendorf
Orscholz	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	F	5, 10, 20	Clothehalde Gesamtschule	No award	HE, NW of Marzellberg
Philippsteln	Sat & Sun 0630-1300	F	5, 10, 20	Kultur-Mehrzweckhalle	Cloth bag	HE, SW of Wetzlar
Philippsteln	Sat & Sun 0630-1100	F	5, 10, 20	Kultur-Mehrzweckhalle	Cloth bag	HE, SW of Wetzlar
Polch	Sat 0700-1400, Sun 0700-1300	F	5, 10, 20	Mafeldahle	Model semi truck	RP, SW of Koblenz
Polch	Sat 0700-1400, Sun 0700-1300	Bike	30	Mafeldahle	Model semi truck	RP, SW of Koblenz
Rennertsholen	Sat 1000-1600, Sun 0600-1200	F	20	Verbandschule	Clock	MOB, W of Ingolstadt
Rennertsholen	Sat 1000-1400, Sun 0600-1200	F	5, 10, 20	Verbandschule	Clock	MOB, W of Ingolstadt
Rödermark-Überbach	Sat & Sun 0700-1300	BFX	6, 10, 20	Sportheim	B-medal	HE, NE of Darmstadt
Schiersfeld	Sat & Sun 0600-1400	BFX	6 & 10	Fest tent	B-medal	RP, N of Kaiserslautern
Schiersfeld	Sat & Sun 0600-1300	BFX	20	Fest tent	B-medal	RP, N of Kaiserslautern
Villingen-Marbach	Sat 1000-1600, Sun 0700-1300	BFX	5, 10, 20	Follow IVV signs	B-medal	BWS, S of Villingen
Villingen-Marbach	Sat 1000-1600, Sun 0700-1300	Bike	25	Follow IVV signs	B-medal	BWS, S of Villingen
Waldsch	Sat & Sun 0700-1400	F	5, 10, 20	Regionalschule	No award	RP, SE of Trier
<b>Italy</b>						
Udine Sud	Sat 1800-1830	FX	5 & 10	See misc. notes	T-shirt (1st 100)	S of Udine
Villanova di Pordenone	Sun 0830-0930	FX	5, 10, 20	Sports complex	Food items	SE of Pordenone
<b>Luxembourg</b>						
Consdorf	Sun 0630-1400	F	6 & 12	Gemeindehalle	No award	SW of Bitburg, GE
Consdorf	Sun 0630-1300	F	6 & 12	Gemeindehalle	No award	SW of Bitburg, GE
Eischen	Sat 1300-1700	F	5 & 10	Salle des Fêtes	No award	E of Arlon, BE
<b>Netherlands</b>						
St. Odiläenber	Mon 1630-1900	-	10	Cafe-Saal Bergesc	No award	S of Roer
<b>Switzerland</b>						
Dottikon	Sat 0700-1400, Sun 0700-1200	-	5, 10, 20	near Hotel Bahnhof	Souvenir	W of Zürich
<b>United Kingdom</b>						
Carlton	Sun 1030	-	5 & 10	Whamcliffe Arms	Souvenir	N of Barnsley
Darfield	Wed 1830	-	5 & 10	Cross Keys	Souvenir	E of Barnsley
Great Easton	Sun 1000-1100	-	10	The Sun	No award	NW of Corby
Stock Goldington	Wed 1800	-	10	The Lamb	No award	SE of Northampton

## GENERAL CODES:

**B - Awards from past events available (B-medals)**  
**D - Shower or wash facilities available at start hall**  
**E - Engaver will attend the event**  
**F - Free refreshment at control points**  
**M - Marathon or long-distance event**  
**P - Music at start hall (see miscellaneous notes for day/time)**  
**S - Stroller-friendly trails**  
**S - Shorter trail is specifically noted as stroller-friendly**  
**T - Evening/Night walk, handicapped a flashlight**  
**X - Award available only while supply lasts**  
**W - Course suitable for wheelchair participants**  
**3.5 - Reduced price of 3.50 euros for start card & B-medal**

## GERMAN STATE AND REGION CODES:

**BWN - Baden-Württemberg Nord**  
**BWS - Baden-Württemberg Süd**  
**FRN - Oberfranken (Upper Franconia)**  
**FRM - Mittelfranken (Middle Franconia)**  
**FRU - Unterfranken (Lower Franconia)**  
**HE - Hessen**  
**MOB - München-Oberbayern**  
**NDS - Niedersachsen/Berlin**  
**NRW - Nordrhein-Westfalen**  
**NDB - Niederbayern**  
**OPF - Oberpfalz**  
**RP - Rheinland-Pfalz**  
**SAR - Saarland**  
**SCH - Schlesien**  
**SCHW - Schwab - Schleswig-Holstein/Hamburg**  
**THS - Thüringen/Sachsen**

stores chock full of cuckoo clocks and local handicrafts, and don't forget to take along a VAT form so you can deduct the tax when you decide to buy that clock you've always wanted. Also, clip the coupons from the back of the USO magazine "Kabel" and save even more money.

■ **Clark Soeldner**, our source of information for walks in Italy, advises that the Udine Sud Sg Parrocchia San Pio X walk begins on Via Mistruzzi 1 Udine Sud, just east of the SS56.

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## AUSTRIA

Telephone: (43) 1/211-140  
E-mail: inquiries@info.wien.at  
www.austria.info.at  
VIENNA: Guelled night walk, **Aug. 28**. Pop music trek.

## BELGIUM

Telephone: (32) 2/50-40-390  
E-mail: info@visitenbelgium.com  
BRUGES: Grachtenfest, **Aug. 27-28, 23, 25, 27-28**  
BRUSSELS: Beer festival, **Sept. 3-5**. Grand Place  
ST. HUBERT: St. Hubert parade, **Sept. 4-5**.

## DENMARK

Telephone: (45) 33/111-325  
E-mail: dt@dt.dk  
www.visitdenmark.com  
SILKEBORG: Craftspeople open workshop doors to the public, **Aug. 20-22**  
ODENSE: Gathering of ships from 1,000 years of sailing, **Aug. 25-29**  
HORSSENS: Medieval festival, **Aug. 27-28**, www.middelalderfestival.dk  
ARHUS: Arhus festival, **Sept. 1-5**.  
Telephone: (45) 81/846-9000  
Fax: (44) 171/563-0302  
LONDON: State rooms open to public at Buckingham Palace, **through Sept. 26**  
NORTH-HAMPTON: International balloon festival, **Aug. 20-22**.

STOURBRIDGE: Festival of glass, **Aug. 25-30**. www.flg.org.uk  
PORTSMOUTH: International kite festival, **Aug. 28-30**  
PLYMOUTH: Navy days, **Aug. 29-30**. www.royal-navy.mod.uk  
LONDON: Notting Hill carnival, **Aug. 29-30**  
LIVERPOOL: Beatles festival, **Aug. 26-31**  
SHEFFIELD: World firefighters games, **Aug. 28-Sept. 4**.

## FRANCE

Telephone: (33) 1/49-52-53-54  
www.francetourism.com  
NORMANDY: D-Day celebrations, **through September**  
www.normandieevents.com  
METZ: Flea market, **Aug. 29, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.**, **Oct. 30**. Open 6 a.m.-noon.  
BISCHWILLER (Alsace): Fiddlers' festival, **Aug. 20-22**  
GUEWENHIM (Alsace): Potters' market, **Aug. 20-22**  
SAINT-MARIE-AUX-MINES (Alsace): Candlelight festival, **Aug. 20-21, 27-28, 31**  
GUEBERSCHWIHR (Alsace): Wine festival, **Aug. 21-22**  
GUEMAR (Alsace): Ham festival, **Aug. 21-22**  
SCHERWILLER (Alsace): Arts, crafts and Riesling, **Aug. 21-22**  
SCHWEIGHOUSE/MODER (Alsace): Beer festival, **Aug. 21-23**  
DOLUSHEIM (Alsace): Flower parade, **Aug. 22**  
FRELAND (Alsace): Trout festival, **Aug. 22**

SAALES (Alsace): Village festival, **Aug. 22**  
WASSERBOURG (Alsace): Shear-in festival, **Aug. 22**  
HAGUEAU (Alsace): Hops festival, **Aug. 24-29**  
MUTTERSCHOLTZ (Alsace): Night of the bat, **Aug. 27**  
ERSTEIN (Alsace): Sugar festival, **Aug. 27-29**  
HAGENTHAL-LE-HAUT (Alsace): Wine and cheese fair, **Aug. 27-31**  
WASSELONNE (Alsace): Night flower parade, **Aug. 28**  
GUISHEIM (Alsace): Wine festival, **Aug. 28-29**  
SELZ (Alsace): Wine festival, **Aug. 28-30**  
WINGERSHEIM (Alsace): Hops festival, **Aug. 29**  
DIJON: International folk dance and music festival, **Aug. 30-Sept. 5**.  
www.folkloides.org  
MEDOC: Marathon in Bordeaux/Medoc area, **Sept. 1**.

## GERMANY

Telephone: (49) 69/97464-0  
www.germany-tourism.de  
HEIDELBERG: Castle festival, **through Aug. 14**  
HAMBURG: Dom fair, **through Aug. 22**  
FRANKFURT: Rheingauer wine festival, **through Aug. 27**  
HAMBURG: Pilsener Beer, **Sundays through Sept. 12**. Noon in town center.  
DRESDEN: City festival, **Aug. 20-22**

BREMEN: International street festival, **Aug. 20-22**  
RUDESHEIM: Wine festival, **Aug. 20-23**  
AACHEN: Street festival, **Aug. 24-28**  
STUTTGART: Wine village, **Aug. 25-Sept. 5**  
FRANKFURT: Museum Embankment festival, **Aug. 27-29**  
KÖLN: Beer fair, **Aug. 27-29**  
MARKGRONINGEN: Sheepherders' race, **Aug. 27-30**. Main day, **Aug. 28**  
BAD HOMBURG: Latern festival, **Aug. 27-30**  
GÖTTINGEN: Old Town festival, **Aug. 28-29**  
BAD EMS: St. Bartholomew market and flower parade, **Aug. 28-29**. Main day, **Aug. 28**  
MAIZ: Wine market festival, **Aug. 29-Sept. 1**  
WÜRZBURG: Historic "citizen's meal" festival, **Aug. 30-31**  
TRIERN: Night shopping, **Aug. 28**.

## ITALY

Telephone: (39) 6/49-711  
www.italiantourism.com  
ALLUMIERE: Donkey race, **Aug. 22**  
SIENNA: Barrel rolling contest, **Aug. 29**  
CERVETERI: Wine festival, **Aug. 29**  
SAN DANIELE: Prosciutto festival, **Aug. 27-30**  
BRINDISI: Maritime procession, **Sept. 1-7**

VITERBO: Feast of Santa Rosa, **Sept. 3**.

## THE NETHERLANDS

Telephone: (31) 70/370-5705  
E-mail: info@nbt.nl  
www.holland.com/uk  
EDAM: Cheese market, **Wednesdays through August**  
AMSTERDAM: Canal festival, **through Aug. 22**

## SCOTLAND

Telephone: (44) 1463/71-6996  
www.visitscotland.com  
EDINBURGH: International film festival, **through Aug. 24**  
EDINBURGH: Military tattoo, **through Aug. 28**  
EDINBURGH: Festival Fringe, **through Aug. 30**

## SPAIN

Telephone: (34) 91/411-4014/6011  
www.tourspain.co.uk  
MADRID: Summer in the city, **through Sept. 30**. Cultural events.  
BUNYOL: La Tomatina, **Aug. 25**.

## SWITZERLAND

Telephone: (41) 1/288-1111  
www.switzerlandtourism.ch  
LUCERNE: Wrestling and Alpine festival, **Aug. 20-22**  
VEVEY: Street artists festival, **Aug. 20-22**  
LEYSIN: Faires festival, **Aug. 21**  
APPENZEL: Folk festival, **Aug. 21-22**  
SIGIRSWIL: Bear festival, **Aug. 21-22**  
FRIEDBURG: Folk festival, **Aug. 24-29**  
GENEVA: Airfair, **Sept. 3-5**. Open-air painting competition.

## PAID ADVERTISEMENT

# Be Safe, Make It Home

Summertime fun has hidden risks, which is why the Army in Europe implemented its summer safety campaign. The campaign promotes key areas of vehicle accident prevention, heat injury prevention, and various aspects of recreation. Automobile safety tops the list, according to USAREUR Safety Manager Dave Scott, citing the deaths of seven Soldiers in vehicles crashes so far this year – twice as many as the same period last year. Scott said Army in Europe members need to make it personal, and consciously anticipate and address driving dangers like autobahn construction sites, where traffic goes, as he put it, from "the speed of light to a crawl, and always just around a bend in the road." Driving on secondary roads has been particularly hazardous. Scott says that drivers shouldn't underestimate the time it takes to pass in relation to how far you can see so that you don't misjudge the speed of oncoming traffic. "Soldiers, civilians, and family members need to be prepared and drive defensively. Relax, be patient and enjoy the scenery," Scott said. Good safety tools are available as part of the campaign on the USAREUR home page at <http://www.hqsusareur.army.mil>. You will find tips on trip planning, automated risk assessments and vehicle inspections.

Trip planning is especially relevant during the summer travel season. Mr. Mike Willoughby, IMA Europe Safety Manager, emphasizes the need to plan enough time for the return trip. "Don't wait until the last minute to return home and then feel the need to speed or drive through the night." In addition to plenty of time, Willoughby suggests some other important planning considerations: Plan travel routes that avoid traffic jams and construction sites. Be prepared for mechanical and medical emergencies. Know how to contact emergency services while en route and at your vacation location. After you've done your planning, it's time to consider what to pack. In addition to packing clothing appropriate for all types of weather possible in Europe, Willoughby suggests packing an emergency kit appropriate for your mode of travel. Willoughby also has some suggestions for things to leave behind. Leave a copy of your itinerary, credit card numbers, travel documents, prescriptions, and a spare house key with someone you trust and whom you can reach in an emergency. Safety awareness doesn't stop once you're at your vacation location, says Willoughby. "Be Safe and make it home!"

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## AFRTS Television Schedule

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2004

	(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00	Dr. Phil	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Nightline	Soccer World Cup - Teams to Be Announced	The Wild Thornberys	Yu-Gi-Oh!
9:30		Jumani	Army Newswatch		SpongeBob	Mucha Lucha
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris Matthews		The Simpsons	Jeopardy!
10:30	Guiding Light	World of Fortune	60 Minutes II	SportsCenter	One Day Hills	Headline News
11:00		ESPN			Happy Days	ESPN News
12:00	General Hospital	Advisory Board	The O'Reilly Factor	NFL Live	The West Wing - Privileged	Pacific Report
12:30	Headline News	Everybody- Raymond Scrubbs	ESPN News	ESPN News	Everybody- Raymond Scrubbs	Everybody- Raymond Scrubbs
13:00	Judge Judy	My Big Fat Oboonoxian Flince	Good Morning America	2001 Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Women's basketball; South Korea vs. USA; rowing semifinals; women's water polo; Canada vs. USA.	Frontline to what spiritual President Bush's official decisions.	My Big Fat Oboonoxian Flince
13:30	ESPN	ER			ER	ER
14:00	Yu-Gi-Oh!		Headline News	SportsCenter	Inspector Morse	Pacific Report
14:30	Aaahh Real Monsters		World News			Late Show
15:00	The Weekenders [E]	Guiding Light	The Early Show			
16:00	Yu-Gi-Oh!			SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberys	Guiding Light
16:30	Mucha Lucha				SpongeBob	General Hospital
17:00		Headline News	FOX News	ESPN News	The Simpsons	Access Hollywood
17:30	Headline News	General Hospital	FOX News	ESPN News	The Simpsons	Access Hollywood
18:00	Destinations	Access Hollywood	FOX News	ESPN News	The Simpsons	Access Hollywood
18:30	XVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Beach volleyball; women's man's match; canoeing, white water competition; rowing; semifinals; swimming.	XVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Beach volleyball; women's man's match; canoeing, white water competition; rowing; semifinals; swimming.	60 Minutes II	Baseball Tonight	One Day Hills	XVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Beach volleyball; women's man's match; canoeing, white water competition; rowing; semifinals; swimming.
19:00				Baseball Tonight	One Day Hills	XVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Beach volleyball; women's man's match; canoeing, white water competition; rowing; semifinals; swimming.
20:00				FOX News	The West Wing - Privileged	
20:30					Frontline to what spiritual President Bush's official decisions.	
21:00						
21:30						
22:00	Headline News	The Hot List	Headline News	PGA Golf WGC NEC Invitational - First Round, From Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio. (Same-day Tape)	The Hot List	Headline News
22:30	Late Show	Headline News	Army Newswatch		Inspector Morse	Headline News
23:00		Today	Leslie Holt			Today
23:30	Access Hollywood					

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2004

00:00	Movie *** Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan	11 (Today)	Headline News	PGA Golf WGC NEC Invitational – First Round	11:00	Inspector Morse	11:00	Inspector Morse
00:30	11:52g The Bachelor, Leonard Noy		NBC Nightly News					
1:00		Sesame Street (E)	ABC World News	SportsCenter		The Wild Thornberrys		Sesame Street (E)
2:00	XXVIII Summer Olympics	XXVIII Summer Olympics	CBS Evening News	NFL Football Teams to Be Announced. (Live)		The Simpsons		XXVIII Summer Olympics
2:30	Olympics From Athens, Greece. Volleyball, men's Russia vs. USA.		Hannity & Colmes			Happy Days		
3:00						Charmed 'Valhalla of the Dolls' (Part 1 of 2)		
3:30			The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer			Boston Public 'Chapter Forty-Seven'		
4:00								
5:00			BEY Nightly News	SportsCenter		The Crocodile Hunter 'Outlaws of the Outback'		
5:30			Business Rpt.					
6:00	Headline News	Headline News	Larry King Live	Baseball Tonight		World-Wide Animal Adventures		Headline News
6:30	XXVIII Summer Olympics	XXVIII Summer Olympics		ESPN News		Buff the Vampire Slayer 'Lessons'		XXVIII Summer Olympics
7:00			NewsNight With Aaron Brown	Totally NASCAR				
7:30				SportsCenter		The X-Files 'Field Trip'		Baby Looney Tunes
8:00	Little Bill (E)	Primetime Thursday	Paula Zahn Now					Rocky's Modern Life
8:30	World of Fortune	Rocky's Modern Life						The Family OddParents
9:00	Dr. Phil		Headline News	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.		The Wild Thornberrys		
9:30		As Told by Ginger 'Jeopardy!'	Hardball With Chris Matthews			SpongeBob		As Told by Ginger 'Jeopardy!'
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!				The Simpsons		Headline News
10:30	Guiding Light	World of Fortune				Happy Days		Headline News
11:00		Jeopardy!	Primetime Thursday			Charmed 'Valhalla of the Dolls' (Part 1 of 2)		
11:30	General Hospital	Advisory Block						Pacific Report
12:00	Headline News	King of the Hill	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter		Boston Public 'Chapter Forty-Seven'		King of the Hill
12:30	Judge Judy	Malcolm in the Middle						Malcolm in the Middle
13:00	Today Na Vardalos; Today's Greek Kitchen.	The Apprentice 'Down to the Wire'	Good Morning America	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Men's basketball, Australia vs. USA; rowing semifinals, men's water polo; Hungary vs. USA.		The Crocodile Hunter 'Outlaws of the Outback'		The Apprentice 'Down to the Wire'
14:00		The District 'Criminally Insane'				World-Wide Animal Adventures		Alias 'Hourglass'
14:30						Buff the Vampire Slayer 'Lessons'		
15:00	Baby Looney Tunes	Pacific Report	Headline News			The X-Files 'Field Trip'		Pacific Report
15:30	Rocky's Modern Life	Late Show	World News					Late Show
16:00	The Fairly OddParents		The Early Show					
16:30	As Told by Ginger 'Jeopardy!'	Guiding Light				The Wild Thornberrys		Guiding Light
17:00						SpongeBob		General Hospital
17:30	Headline News	General Hospital				Happy Days		Access Hollywood
18:00		Access Hollywood	FOX News	Baseball Tonight		The Simpsons		XXVIII Summer Olympics
18:30	XXVIII Summer Olympics	XXVIII Summer Olympics				Charmed 'Valhalla of the Dolls' (Part 1 of 2)		Olympics From Athens, Greece. Beach volleyball, USA elimination round match; swimming, track and field final, men's 10,000m.
19:00	Olympics From Athens, Greece. Beach volleyball, USA elimination round match; swimming, track and field final, men's 10,000m.		Primetime Thursday			Boston Public 'Chapter Forty-Seven'		
20:00								
20:30			FOX News	Racine		The Crocodile Hunter 'Outlaws of the Outback'		
21:00				NFL Live		World-Wide Animal Adventures		
21:30				PGA Golf WGC NEC Invitational – Second Round. From Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio. (Same-day Tape)				
22:00	Headline News	Today Na Vardalos; Today's Greek Kitchen.	Inside Politics					Today Na Vardalos; Today's Greek Kitchen.
22:30	Late Show		Headline News					
23:00			Lester Holt			World-Wide Animal Adventures		
23:30	Access Hollywood					Buff the Vampire Slayer 'Lessons'		



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**"Goodfellas" cast members Paul Sorvino, left, Ray Liotta, center, and real mob informant Henry Hill, whose gangland experiences inspired the story, reminisce Monday in Los Angeles.**

## Good times with the 'Goodfellas'

Cast gathers for memories, dinner to mark DVD release

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN

*The Associated Press*

LOS ANGELES — The theme of the night was “breaking bread, not legs” when some of the cast and filmmakers of “Goodfellas” reunited for a traditional sit-down dinner Monday night.

Ray Liotta, Paul Sorvino and real-life mob informant Henry Hill — whose gangland experiences inspired the story — showed up to gobble baked ziti, swap stories, sing some Italian opera and recall director Martin Scorsese's acclaimed mob movie.

Sorvino, who played gang boss Paulie Cicero, said he desperately wanted the role, but played hard to get with Scorsese.

"I didn't think I had that kind of brutality," he said, recalling his first meeting with Scorsese. "I even went with a pinky ring and a black overcoat, I swear to God. I never wore a pinkie ring in my life before or since, but I wanted the role so bad! ... I think Marty had me in mind for it early on. So I said, 'I don't think the money is quite right.' He said, 'I'll take care of that!'"

Scorsese, currently working on his new film "The Aviator," did not attend the dinner, which was hosted by Warner Home Video to promote Tuesday's new special-edition DVD release of "Goodfellas."

Robert De Niro and Joe Pesci, who won a supporting actor Oscar for his deady "But, I'm funny how?" character, also were absent.

Liotta sat in a far corner of Matteo's restaurant, watching the movie from his red-leather booth. Liotta said he hasn't watched "Goodfellas" since the premiere in 1990.

"I'm flipping channels sometimes and it'll be on," Liotta said. "I'll wait for maybe 20 seconds before moving on."

Soon the actor's signature dish arrived at his table. He eats so often at Matteo's that they named the baked ziti after him.

"Actually my ex is the one who ate it all the time. I always had this," he said pointing to his plate. "But I guess somebody else already had the chicken parm."

ing dinner, and Sorvino — an accomplished tenor — belted out some opera while sitting at a table with former Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda, who came just because he's a fan.

"Goodfellas" producer Irwin Winkler confided that he was initially against Scorsese's choice of Liotta for Henry Hill, but a mix of charm and gentle intimidation won him over.

"I kept saying, 'No, no, no, no, no.' But Ray came over to me casually in a restaurant and said, 'Look, I'm Ray Liotta ... but I understand you're not interested and don't want me for the part. Can I talk to you about it?' He convinced me!" Winkler said, laughing.

Hill, now 62, was kicked out of the Witness Protection Program for continuing to get into trouble with the law. But he isn't afraid for his life anymore. Most of the people he informed on have died in prison. And a lot of gangsters, himself included, are "Goodfellas" fans.

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## FACES 'N' SPACES

### Zeta-Jones stalker competent for trial

A woman accused of stalking and threatening actress Catherine Zeta-Jones is mentally fit to stand trial, a court-appointed psychiatrist said Monday in Los Angeles.

Dr. Kal Sharma examined Dawnette Knight, 33, in jail, where she is being held on \$1 million bail. Superior Court Judge John Riley Jr. halted criminal proceedings July 30 and ordered a mental evaluation of Knight after she overdosed on barbiturates while in county jail. Riley scheduled a status hearing for Sept. 8.

Riley is charged with one felony count of stalking and 24 felony counts of making criminal threats. If convicted, she could face up to 19 years in prison.

### Lane, Brolin tie the knot

Diane Lane and Josh Brolin are married, but their publicist is under orders not to say when, where or how. Spokeswoman Kelly Bush confirmed the nuptials but said her clients banned her from saying anything else besides "they're hitched."

Lane, 39, the star of "Unfaithful" and "Under the Tuscan Sun," had been engaged to Brolin, 36, since August 2002.

Brolin is the son of actor James Brolin and stepson of Barbra Streisand.

### Ashcroft greets son back from Gulf

Attorney General John Ashcroft, accompanied by security personnel, showed up at naval station in Norfolk, Va., to greet his son, whose ship had returned from duty in the Persian Gulf region.

But for Ashcroft and his wife, Janet, Sunday's homecoming wasn't just a family reunion. He said his son, Ensign Andy Ashcroft, needed help moving into a new apartment. "I brought the pickup truck," Ashcroft told WVEC-TV of Norfolk.

The younger Ashcroft said he had their day all planned. "I am going to put them all to work right away," he said with a grin.

Andy Ashcroft is assigned to the Aegis guided missile destroyer USS McFaul. The McFaul left Norfolk Feb. 19 as part of the Wasp Expeditionary Strike Group and has patrolled the Indian Ocean, Arabian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.

### Trial date set for Love drug case

A trial date has been set for Sept. 30 for Courtney Love, who faces two felony drug charges for illegal possession of painkillers.

Love, 40, remains free on her own recognizance.

The rock singer fidgeted in her chair during Monday's 10-minute hearing, which was being heard before Superior Court Judge Elden S. Fox in Los Angeles.

When he asked whether the trial date was acceptable, Love initially replied, "I don't know." She agreed to the date after consulting with her lawyer and thanked the judge before leaving.

Love could face up to three years and eight months in prison if convicted on both charges of possessing oxycodone and hydrocodone.

Love, the widow of Nirvana singer Kurt Cobain, was formerly the lead singer of the band Hole.

### Ennice Shriver released from hospital

Ennice Kennedy Shriver, who was hospitalized for a week for hypothermia after a sailing trip, has been released.

Shriver, 83, became chilled after an Aug. 8 sailing trip. Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston spokeswoman Donita Boddie said Shriver was released Saturday.

Shriver is the mother of Rose and Joseph Kennedy's nine children and the mother of Maria Shriver, the television journalist who is married to California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. She is the sister of U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy and former President John F. Kennedy.

Shriver founded the Special Olympics and is married to Sargent Shriver, the first director of the Peace Corps.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

# Speaking his mind

## Off the radar since the 1980s, John Landis releases a new documentary and a slew of opinions on Hollywood

BY PATRICK GOLDSTEIN

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — When John Landis visited the Paramount Pictures lot last year, he was surprised to find himself greeted everywhere with a burst of nostalgic warmth.

"When the guard waved me in, he said, 'Good to see you, Mr. Landis, you making a picture here?'" Landis recalled. "As I was walking across the lot, people were leaning out of their windows, saying, 'John, how are you? Are you making a picture here?'"

Landis is enough of a film buff to recall the scene in "Sunset Boulevard" in which Gloria Swanson, playing the faded silent movie star desperate for a last hurrah, sweeps into Paramount to make her long-awaited comeback. Savoring the connection, Landis erupts in booming laughter, saying, "I felt just like Norma Desmond!"

He's entitled to feel a cool shiver of Desmond-like angst these days. In the late 1970s and 1980s, Landis was Hollywood's reigning comedy king. His 1978 hit, "Animal House," made John Belushi an instant star and spawned a flood of raunchy comedies that stretch from "Porky's" to "Police Academy" to "American Pie" and "Old School." His first hit, 1977's "The Kentucky Fried Movie," launched the career of the Zucker brothers. He directed what are arguably Eddie Murphy's best films, "Trading Places" and "Coming to America."

Landis also did the original "Blues Brothers" film, the influential horror-comedy "An American Werewolf in London," as well as "Thriller," a 17-minute music video starring Michael Jackson that was released in 1983 and became a pop music landmark.

How quickly Hollywood turns its back on its old media tickets.

Although he's only 53, barely older than Swanson when she made "Sunset Boulevard," Landis is a forgotten man in today's film business. He worked nonstop for 20 years, his career surviving the 1983 incident in which he was absolved of responsibility for the death of actor Vic Morrow and two small children during the filming of "Twilight Zone: The Movie." But it has now been six years since he made a studio film and 16 years since he had a real hit with 1988's "Coming to America." His most recent film, a low-budget, crime thriller called "Susan's Plan," went straight to video.

"It's not me that changed; it's the studios," Landis said during a marathon interview, in which he spun colorful tales about his encounters with such directorial icons as Alan Dwan, Ronald Neame and Federico Fellini. "I have no doubt that 'Animal House' wouldn't be made today by a major studio. If you read 'Animal House's' screenplay, it was very present and smart, but smart isn't what they're doing now. Look at the kind of movies they're making — did you see 'Troy'?"

For all his complaints, Landis has no bitterness, just the kind of overwhelming, strong opinions that have earned him a reputation as a "my way or the highway" filmmaker. He almost overwhelms you with his enthusiasm, extolling the joys of everything from "A Connecticut Yankee in King

Arthur's Court" ("It's the American 'Das Kapital,' except as a comedy!") to "Spider-Man 2," his friend Sam Raimi's new film, in which Landis has a cameo as a surgeon. When he's on a roll, his voice booms like a fighter jet crashing the sound barrier.

"I'm not the kind of guy to hire if you want to make a franchise picture," he said. "If you hire me, I have an opinion, which is why I turned down the last four studio films I was offered. Because they were all bad!"

Landis keeps busy producing TV and shooting commercials. He also edited the 2001 edition of "The Best American Movie Writing," in which he made room for two pages of vitriolic quotes about critics.

But his real breakthrough comes from a new documentary, "Slasher," now playing on the Independent Film Channel. Set in Memphis, Tenn., giving Landis the opportunity to employ a wall-to-wall soundtrack of Stax-Volt R&B hits, it focuses on a hard-drinking, fast-talking salesman who is apparently good at only one thing — selling cars. A hired gun, Bennett flies to Memphis, where he serves as the ringmaster of a carnival-like price-slashing sale for an overstocked auto dealership. Bennett knows every trick in the book, using the offer of an \$88 car to lure suckers to the lot, but emerges as a surprisingly sympathetic character, even dutifully calling his wife back home to let her know he's going out to a strip joint.

As shrewd and socially conscious as it is funny, the film opens with a montage of U.S. presidents telling whoopsters to the American people, from "I am not a crook" to "I did not have sexual relations with that woman."

"Originally, I was going to use a lot more material showing how Bush used salesman-ship and misdirection to sell us a war like a used car," Landis explains. "But Bennett turned out to be much more complex than I'd imagined. For me, the story was like a cross between 'Glenlivet Glen Rose' and 'The Music Man.'"

Landis blames much of his reputation for being mercurial on the media's "Twilight Zone" trial coverage, which portrayed him as arrogant and imperious. But he deserves ample blame himself — he has no sense of politeness. When he bumped into New York Times critic A.O. Scott at a film festival this month, instead of currying favor, as most industry people would, Landis exploded, "Why did you write such a hateful review of 'Garfield'?"

"John's gotten mellower as he's gotten older," says manager Bernie Brillstein, who produced "The Blues Brothers." "But he got so hot so quick that he thought he'd invented show business. People were just waiting for him to fail."

Landis insists that he's not unemployable — he simply spurns offers because he can't stomach the scripts.

"I just turned down a project the other day," he says. "And all they did was offer me more money!"

At least no one can accuse Landis of losing his sense of humor, even about himself. When the director became famous, he visited Fellini, who understood little English but was a big fan of "The Blues Brothers." After a long lunch with the maestro, Landis' wife told him, "I finally understand the key to appreciating your work. It's imperative that you don't speak English."



Movie director John Landis keeps busy producing, shooting commercials and making a new documentary.

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# Horoscope

The Libra moon could have you searching for your other half. Whether your focus is love or business, you get the feeling that the right partner could take you all the way with your endeavors. This is partially true, but be sure you're doing all you can on your own — it's the only way to attract the support you need. Your aesthetic sense is important.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(August 19).** You feel passionate about exploring and growing your gifts. Loved ones help you launch into a dream project in the next 10 weeks. "Your resources grow as your network does, so make plenty of public appearances through January — you have the charismatic power to attract just the people who will make your life more enjoyable."

## ARIES (March 21-April 19).

As the sign of all things fresh and new, you'll once again be representing the cutting edge. Expect a mixed reaction. Physically, you're at a high. It's the perfect day to try supplements or exercise techniques.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You're not a beast of burden, but when friends and family lay their hands on you, you could mistakenly take it on as your own. The day's lessons include learning to be empathetic without needing to "save" anyone.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You'd rather wing it than plan a single event today, but do give a thought to where you'll be five years from now (how boring! how impossible what for?). No matter how you protest, the future is based on actions taken today.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22).

You're anxious to find a way around tedious work. Do brain teasers and crossword puzzles (or whatever your mental exercise of choice may be). The experiences around the corner require you to be in fine intellectual shape.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

You're going through a growth spurt in your personal life. Small wins help you get back in touch with that sense of

exhilaration you felt as a child when you accomplished something that surprised you — "Hey, Mom, look at me!"

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Social graces help you put a course to popularity. It's not that you care about being liked, but it's easier to find your way when friends in all ports are pointing you in the right direction. Plus, you prefer operating in a refined world.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Loved ones depend on you for almost everything. Expect a phenomenon that has you feeling a little put out. Consider that by allowing others to let you do all the thinking, you're making them weak. Let clear ones fend for themselves.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

The stars act together to double your pleasure (your pain, your money and your inconvenience). Whatever you think will happen happens times two. Planning for unexpected costs is the surest way to not get caught guard.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

You're a skilled risk taker, and your fortune multiplies when you make educated financial leaps. Moral dilemmas arise. You don't have to sell out to achieve what you want — in fact, not selling out is exactly the point.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

The lighter you are — physically, mentally and spiritually — the more gracefully you'll be able to navigate through the tricky turns this day brings. Leave the old baggage behind. All you really need would fit into a tiny pouch.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

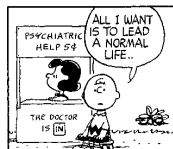
When the situation calls for seeing the best in people, you're the one for the job. Others will rise to your opinion of them. You're greeted by smiling faces everywhere you go — because you yourself are wearing a friendly grin.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

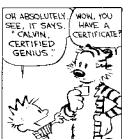
You're tempted to let your problems consume you. Don't give them that kind of power! In three days, you'll realize you were making mountains out of molehills. You must take time to nourish your spirit.

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## Peanuts



## Calvin and Hobbes



## Jump Start



## Zits



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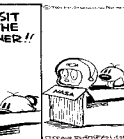
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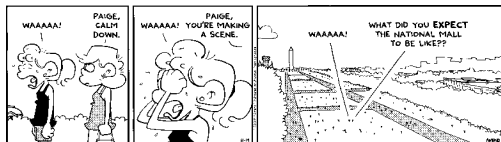
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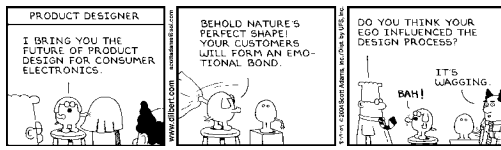
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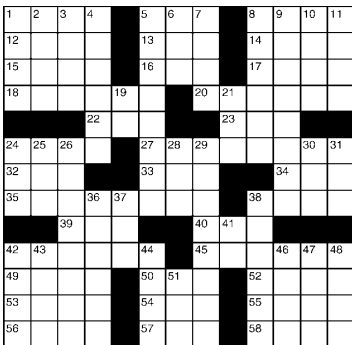
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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17 Cincinnati squad  
18 Human, e.g.  
20 Deacon's superior  
22 Parisian pal  
23 Deviate off course  
24 Kasparov's soldier  
27 Sweet wine from California  
32 Blackbird  
33 Jane Smiley novel  
34 Prune  
35 Nymph who became Urns Major  
38 Rorschach picture  
39 Fond du —, WI  
40 Buck's mate  
42 Pencil pusher?  
43 Breathe with difficulty  
49 Sewing machine inventor  
50 Foreman foe  
52 Deuce beater  
53 Verve  
54 Hodges of baseball

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15 Literary collection  
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## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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RETALIATES AGAINST SOMEONE, I GUESS  
YOU MIGHT SAY THAT'S AN AYE FOR AN AYE.  
Today's Cryptquip Clue: C equals T

# Searching for paths to recovery

**Dear Abby:** I'm writing concerning the letter from the 15-year-old girl, "Needs Closure in Georgia," whose grandfather committed suicide. You suggested she write a letter to him, and then to her me.

Another useful technique is to sit opposite an empty chair and speak your heart to the person you need to communicate with. I wasn't getting on with my life after my husband died, and it worked for me.

— **Doing Better in Milbrae, Calif.**

**Dear Doing Better:** Thank you for the helpful suggestion. Many readers were touched by that girl's letter and wanted to reach out to her.

**Dear Abby:** When my grandmother died, my father and his wife planted a small rose garden. Over the years, as we have lost family members (including pets),

additional rose bushes have been added in their honor. It is peaceful and comforting to sit among the blooming roses and think of our loved ones. It feels like they haven't really left us.

— **Remembering in Arizona**

**Dear Remembering:** I believe you. After Gary Grant passed away, his widow, Barbara, gave my mother a rose bush that had been named for her husband. Mama, who had been very fond of both of them, planted it outside her office window — and when the roses were in bloom, it gave her many hours of pleasure.



**Dear Abby:** I found

"The Grief Recovery Handbook," by John W. James and Russell Friedman, to be extremely helpful. My grandfather committed suicide more than 25 years ago, when I was in seventh grade, and my parents didn't want us to tell anyone what hap-

pened, which didn't help at all.

Perhaps "Needs Closure" could organize a memorial service with a local church, depending on what is going to be done with his ashes. If that's not possible, she should reach out to other family members and grieve with them. I hope they do not feel embarrassed about the suicide.

— **Loyal Reader in Salina**  
**Dear Loyal Reader:** One thing is certain: She should not suffer alone and in silence.

**Dear Abby:** Your advice was right on the money. I was away when my best friend dropped dead of a heart attack.

I wrote him a letter telling him what his friendship had meant to me. It is now 2004, and I still write letters to him. What started as a way to bring closure became the beginning of a wonderful journal.

— **J. in Oceanside, Ore.**

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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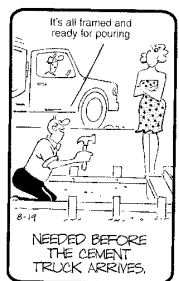
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Answers: A " " " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TWICE EPOCH PIRATE SHREWD

Answer: What the class considered the driving instructor's dog — TEACHER'S "PET"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Agrignon



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

# Meningitis a little-known killer

**Dear Annie:** Students are heading back to school this time of year, but many of them are unaware that they may be at risk for meningitis infection.

August is Meningitis Awareness and Prevention Month. Meningitis is a serious, sometimes fatal infection causing inflammation of the membranes that protect the brain and spinal cord. The symptoms develop rapidly and are similar to the flu. Meningitis is difficult to diagnose, which is why vaccination against this disease is the best protection.

I know because I contracted meningococcal meningitis my freshman year of college, which resulted in a loss of nine of my toes, and part of the septum in my nose and palate in the roof of my mouth. I didn't know what meningitis was at that time and there are preventive measures available, and are found out the hard way.

Although meningitis can affect people of any age, young chil-

**Annie's Mailbox**



dren are most susceptible. That is why they should receive the vaccine to protect them against invasive pneumococcal disease, the most common cause of meningitis in infants and young children. Young adults, especially those in college, the military or other large group settings, should be immunized with the meningococcal vaccine.

To find out more about meningitis, our readers can call us at 1-800-686-1129 or visit our Web site at [www.mmsa.org](http://www.mmsa.org). Please make your readers aware that there are preventive measures that can be taken to protect themselves and their families from this terrible disease.

Sincerely,  
— **Ryan Pike,**  
Development Director,  
Meningitis Foundation of America, Indianapolis, Ind.  
**Dear Ryan Pike:** Thank you for this timely warning. Please, readers, if any of your family

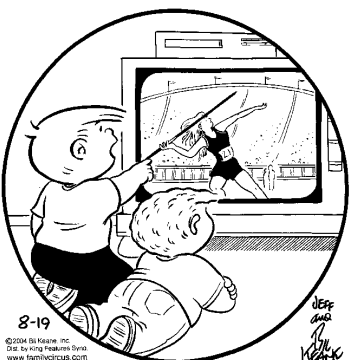
members are going to be spending the coming year in a group setting, talk to your doctor about appropriate vaccinations for meningitis.

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I were married two years ago in a very thrown-together wedding, three weeks before moving overseas. As a result, we could not invite many people. We will be returning to the States next year and have told our families that we will hold a wedding reception. At that time, we will have been married for three years. Is it improper to register for gifts?

— **Jennifer**  
**Dear Jennifer:** It is fine to register, and those guests who did not send you a gift when you first married will no doubt wish to do so now. Congratulations.

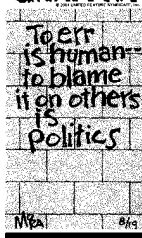
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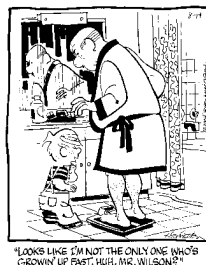


"Blimps better not fly too low for this event."

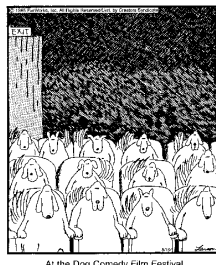
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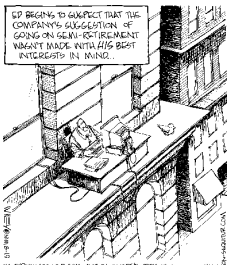
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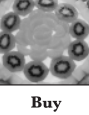
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## Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League										IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
East Division															
New York	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boston	7	L	52	559	9										
Baltimore	57	61	483	18											
Tampa Bay	55	64	462	20%											

Central Division				IP				H				R				ER				BB				SO			
Minnesota	3	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chicago	2	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Louis	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Division	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakland	2	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seattle	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Tuesday's games				IP				H				R				ER				BB				SO			
Boston	4	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay	4	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Francisco	4	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seattle	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Wednesday's games				IP				H				R				ER				BB				SO			
Toronto	4	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	4	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Francisco	4	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seattle	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Thursday's games				IP				H				R				ER				BB				SO			
Los Angeles	4	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Francisco	4	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seattle	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Friday's games				IP				H				R				ER				BB				SO			
Los Angeles	4	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Francisco	4	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seattle	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Saturday's games				IP				H				R				ER				BB				SO			
Los Angeles	4	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Francisco	4	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seattle	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sunday's games				IP				H				R				ER				BB				SO			
Los Angeles	4	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Francisco	4	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seattle	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Monday's games				IP				H				R				ER				BB				SO			
Los Angeles	4	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Francisco	4	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seattle	1	P	GB	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Toronto	102	100	000	4	Brazleton W-5-4	5 1/3	8	3	3	1	3	Florio
Boston	110	200	001	5	Colome	2 1/3	0	0	0	0	0	(Myers)
One out when winning run scored					DBaez	1	1	0	0	0	0	Housh
E. Delgado (5), DP—Toronto 1, LOB—Toronto 4, Boston 8, 2B—VWells (28), Cabrera (5), Varitek (18), HR—VWells (14), Hinske (12)					HBP—by Gregg (Gathright), by Kescobar (TM21262), T-2:55, A-9:537 (43,969).							

# Teixeira becomes second Ranger to hit cycle

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Mark Teixeira needed only a single to hit for the cycle, and his Texas Rangers teammates wanted to see him make baseball history. "They were kidding me, telling me to trip over first base if I hit one into the gap," Teixeira said.

Teixeira lined a single to center off Cliff Bartosh, becoming the second player in Rangers history — and first in more than 19 years — to hit for the cycle, leading Texas to a 16-4 victory over Cleveland on Tuesday night.

"I just wanted to swing at a good pitch," said Teixeira, who went 4-for-5 and drove in a career-high seven runs. "I didn't want to get myself out on my last at-bat."

He also hit a two-run double in the third, a three-run homer in the fourth and a two-run triple in the fifth. It was the club's first cycle since Oddibe McDowell accomplished the feat on July 23, 1985, against the Indians at Arlington Stadium.

This gave us a chance to relax," said Kevin Mench, who led a triple short of also hitting for the cycle. "The game was a part of history."

Teixeira is the fifth player to hit for the cycle this season, joining Milwaukee's Chad Moeller, Pittsburgh's Darryl Ward, Philadelphia's David Bell and the New York Mets' Eric Valenz.

Teixeira left for a pinch-runner after his single, leaving to a standing ovation from the crowd of 24,864 with his team ahead 16-1.

He showed little emotion as he came out of the field.

"Anytime you're up 16-1, you

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never want to show the other team up, show too much on the field," Teixeira said. "I was definitely happy and excited inside, but you don't want to be celebrating in a situation like that."

Teixeira's big day helped the Rangers stretch their winning streak to five games and gave Scott Erickson his first victory in more than two years.

Erickson (1-2) allowed one run and three hits in six innings, and won for the first time since Aug. 7, 2002, while with Baltimore.

"It was a relief to get all those runs," he said. "I'm just glad the Rangers are giving me a chance to pitch on a regular basis."

Doug Brocail pitched the final three innings for his first save since July 7, 1999, with Detroit.

Texas stayed a half-game behind Oakland in the AL West, while Cleveland dropped 3½ games behind Minnesota in the AL Central.

Cliff Lee (10-5) allowed a career-high eight runs and seven hits in 3½ innings for the Indians, who are 1-7 against the Rangers.

"They have had our number all season," Indians manager Eric Wedge said. "We've got to separate ourselves from this, come out tomorrow and be ready to go."

In other AL games Tuesday:

**Devil Rays 8, Angels 3:** B.J. Upton became the first teenager to homer in a major league game since Pittsburgh's Aramis Ramirez on June 16, 1998, helping Tampa Bay stop a six-game



**Texas first baseman Mark Teixeira became the second Ranger ever to hit for the cycle in a 16-4 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday night in Arlington, Texas. Oddibe McDowell was the only other Ranger to accomplish the feat — also against the Indians — on July 23, 1985.**

losing streak with a home victory.

The 19-year-old Upton, the No. 2 overall pick in the 2002 amateur draft, homered in the third on his 33rd career at-bat with an opposite-field shot to right off Kelvin Escobar (7-9).

**Mariners 16, Royals 3:** Ichiro Suzuki went 4-for-4 and drove in a career-high five runs, leading the game with a home run for the second straight day for visit-

ing Seattle.

Bret Boone hit two homers and had four RBIs, and Raul Ibanez had a career-high five hits and scored four runs for Seattle, which set season highs for runs and hits (20).

**Athletics 11, Orioles 0:** Tim Hudson (8-4) pitched a five-hit, struck out four and walked none in his first victory since June 11, and Scott Hatteberg's

second grand slam of the season highlighted a four-homer attack.

Jermaine Dye, Eric Byrnes and Adam Melhuse also homered for the visiting A's, who have outscored Baltimore 14-1 in the first two games of the three-game set.

**Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 4:** Orlando Cabrera hit a run-scoring double off the Green Monster in the ninth inning on reliever Justin Speier's second pitch of the game, giving Boston the victory.

Pinch-hitter Dave Roberts drew a leadoff walk and Johnny Damon hit into a forceout off Kevin Frederick (0-2). Cabrera, 13-for-65 since he was acquired July 31, hit a drive off the left-field scoreboard. The ball bounded high in the air as Damon came around and slid in ahead of Kevin Cash's tag.

**Twins 8, Yankees 2:** At Minneapolis, Brad Radke (8-6) allowed one run and six hits in seven innings to improve to 4-9 against New York, and Corey Koskie drove in three runs as Minnesota ended a 13-game regular-season losing streak against the Yankees that dated to 2001.

**Tigers 11, White Sox 8:** Bobby Higginson hit a three-run homer in the second inning and a two-run drive in the fourth, and visiting Detroit hit four homers off Freddy Garcia (10-10).

Chicago was without manager Ozzie Guillen, who was hospitalized and might have kidney stones. Guillen also served the first game of a two-game suspension.

# Walker's tear continues with slam

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Larry Walker has learned quickly that St. Louis Cardinals' fans know how to celebrate.

They Womack scored the go-ahead run on a bases-loaded walk from Danny Graves in the eighth inning and Walker hit the next pitch for a grand slam in the Cardinals' 7-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday night.

Walker has three homers and is hitting .370 in nine games with St. Louis, which acquired the 1997 NL MVP from Colorado on Aug. 6.

He earned his first curtain call with the Cardinals. "They pushed out of the dugout to get out there, not sure knowing what to do," said Walker, who hit his sixth career slam. "It was fun to get out there, it was fun to win, it was fun to hear the crowd get as loud as they were."

The NL Central leaders are 13-2 against the Reds this season and will try to complete a three-game sweep Wednesday night. St. Louis opened a 15-game lead over second-place Chicago — the Cardinals' largest advantage since Aug. 10, 1968, a year they won the NL pennant.

Cincinnati led 2-1 in the eighth before Jim Edmonds greeted

## NL Roundup

Graves (1-5) with an RBI single. Cal Eldred (3-0) gave up one hit and struck out two in a scoreless eighth.

**Giants 5, Expos 4:** At San Francisco, Barry Bonds homered twice, Jason Schmidt pitched eight strong innings before his bullpen blew his chance to become the first 16-game winner in the major leagues and J.T. Snow singled home the winning run off Luis Ayala (4-9) in the ninth.

San Francisco has won six straight and leads San Diego by a game in the NL wild-card race.

Dustin Hermanson (5-5) blew his first save in five chances, allowing Tony Batista's tying single. Schmidt left with a right-groin injury after coming out to start the ninth.

**Padres 11, Braves 6:** Jake Peavy (9-3) struck out nine in seven innings, allowing only a second-inning single by Andrew Jones and a fourth-inning home run by Chipper Jones that extended his streak of games with home runs to five.

Freddy Guzman got a hit, scored a run and had an RBI in his major league debut for the

homestanding Padres.

Jaret Wright (11-6), who had been 9-0 in 14 starts since May 22, forced in a pair of runs with bases-loaded walks and allowed five runs, three hits and five walks in just two-thirds of an inning.

**Brewers 3, Cubs 1:** At Milwaukee, Victor Santos (10-8) improved to 3-1 against the Cubs this season, allowing five hits in 6½ innings, including Sammy Sosa's 26th homer. Santos later hit five straight decisions since beating Chicago on July 16.

Dan Kolb pitched the ninth for his 34th save in 37 chances.

Carlos Zambrano (11-7) lost for the first time in four starts, and Chicago fell 1½ games out in the wild-card race. Bill Hall hit a two-run triple for last-place Milwaukee.

**Dodgers 6, Marlins 1:** At Los Angeles, Wilson Alvarez (7-3) allowed an unearned run in seven innings to win his fourth straight decision, and Steve Finley and Adrian Beltre homered.

A.J. Burnett (3-6) allowed three runs, four hits and two walks over six innings and struck out nine as Florida dropped 5½ games out in the wild-card race.

**Astros 5, Phillies 0:** Roy Oswalt (13-8) combined with Mike



**St. Louis right fielder Larry Walker tosses his bat after flying out in the fifth inning against the Cincinnati Reds in St. Louis on Tuesday. Three innings later, Walker hit a grand slam in the Cardinals' 7-2 victory. Walker is hitting .370 since being acquired by the Cardinals.**

Gallo and Dan Miceli on a five-hit, and Raul Chavez hit a three-run double as Houston won for the third time in nine games.

Randy Wolf (5-8) allowed five runs and six hits in seven innings. The Phillies (59-60), 1-7 on their homestand and under .500 for the first time since May 7, are six back in the wild-card race and Astros are 6½ games behind.

**Rockies 6, Mets 4:** At Denver, Jason Jennings (11-10) allowed three runs and seven hits in seven innings, had two hits and drove in a run. Matt Holliday drove in the

go-ahead run with a solo homer off Dan Wheeler (3-1) in the sixth.

**Pirates 7, Diamondbacks 1:** Craig Wilson and Ty Wigginton homered, and Ryan Vogelsong (4-9) allowed one run and six hits in seven innings as visiting Pittsburgh won its fourth straight.

Arizona has lost 16 of 17 and dropped to 7-35 under interim manager Al Pedrique. Stephen Randolph (2-3) gave up two runs, four hits and three walks in three innings. His first major league start for Arizona after 89 relief appearances.



# Giants QB Manning to get first NFL start

The Associated Press

Eli Manning will start for the New York Giants in Thursday night's game in Carolina, but that doesn't mean the first pick in April's NFL Draft has beaten out Kurt Warner for the starting quarterback job.

"It's a rotation that I planned to do all along," coach Tom Coughlin said. "It's Eli's turn. Eli will go. He'll start. Last week was Kurt. This week it's Eli."

Warner, signed by the Giants after being released by St. Louis, started the Giants' first game, a 34-24 victory over Kansas City last Friday.

"The decision coming in was that they were going to compete for the job," Coughlin said. "Therefore, we were going to give both of them the opportunity to start, and this week is Eli's opportunity."

"I didn't know what their feeling was; how they were going to go into the pre-season," Manning said. "I guess they want to give me a shot to see how I do against a starting defense and see if I can manage a game well."

Warner did not seem upset.

"The only fair way in a competitive situation like this is to give guys the same opportunity," Warner said. "It wasn't a surprise. It wasn't disappointing. It's part of the deal I expected going in, and leave it at that."

## NFL camps

Kicker Bill Gramatica had back spasms at practice and his status for the game against Carolina is uncertain.

**Eagles:** Defensive end N.D. Kalu will miss the season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee during Tuesday's practice.

Kalu started 16 games last year and finished third on the team with 5½ sacks.

Coach Andy Reid said Derrick Burgess will start at right end, with Jerome McDougle getting additional playing time.

**Raiders:** Left tackle Robert Gallery, the second player taken in the NFL Draft, didn't practice Tuesday morning because of an elbow injury, leaving his status uncertain for Saturday's preseason game against Dallas. Gallery hyperextended his elbow during a blocking drill Monday.

**Redskins:** Washington cut Ifeanyi Okaile, who started 15 games at strong safety last season. Okaile, beaten for a 68-yard touchdown pass in a 23-20 overtime loss to Carolina on Saturday, had lost his starting job when the Redskins drafted Sean Taylor and shifted Matt Bowen to strong safety.

**Jaguars:** Veteran guard Mike Compton is scheduled for surgery on an injured



Top overall draft pick Eli Manning, who got a six-year, \$45 million contract, completed seven of 13 passes for 91 yards in his first NFL game Friday against Kansas City.

thumb that will keep him out 10-14 days.

Coach Jack Del Rio said Tony Brackens, the franchise's career sacks leader, could be out longer than one week with a strained muscle in the back of a knee.

**Titans:** Cornerback Samari Rolle had an MRI on his sore right ankle Tuesday. Coach Jeff Fisher said Rolle is questionable for Saturday night's exhibition at Buffalo. Rolle hurt his ankle during a drill in

the opening days of camp and continued practicing until last Wednesday.

**Broncos:** Champ Bailey, a four-time Pro Bowl cornerback, split time as a wide receiver during Tuesday's practice.

"I told them I would like to do it," said Bailey. "I intend to do it."

Coach Mike Shanahan had no comment on the matter, but watched intently as Bailey ran about 10 plays with the offense.

# Jamal Lewis hit with extra drug charge

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis, already facing federal drug conspiracy charges, was hit Tuesday with an extra charge of attempting to possess cocaine.

The charge was included in a superseding indictment, a common legal move used by federal authorities to refine the original accusations.

Lewis is accused of trying to get the cocaine with his childhood friend, Angelo Jackson. Prosecutors say Lewis and Jackson tried

to buy cocaine in Atlanta in 2000 from an undercover informant.

Both were charged in the conspiracy case in February, but at first only Jackson was charged with attempted cocaine possession. On Tuesday, the government announced both would be charged.

Lewis' lawyers called the extra charge minor and didn't think it would complicate their defense. Lewis has maintained his innocence.

"This is not big news for us," said Lewis' attorney Ed Garland.

In its latest indictment, the government wrote that Lewis took Jackson to a restaurant in Atlanta to introduce him to a woman he

thought could get him cocaine, although the woman waiting there was an informant.

Lewis called the informant two weeks later and asked her to sell Jackson a kilogram of cocaine, according to the indictment.

Among Lewis' charges is the use of a telephone to facilitate a felony.

Lewis' trial is scheduled to begin Nov. 1 in Atlanta. The running back has said he will not let the trial distract him from the upcoming season.

## Arlington council approves Cowboys stadium vote

ARLINGTON, Texas — City Council members gave initial ap-

proval Tuesday night for a deal with the Dallas Cowboys to build a \$650 million football stadium in Arlington and to place the project in voters' hands.

Arlington council members unanimously voted to place a referendum on the Nov. 2 ballot asking voters to increase sales and other taxes to pay for half of the retractable-roof, 75,000-seat stadium that would be among the NFL's largest.

Mayor Robert Cluck said Arlington, halfway between Dallas and Fort Worth, would be the ideal location for the venue, which likely would be built next to the Texas Rangers' Ameriquest Field.

# D. Sanders considering comeback with Ravens

BY JAMISON HENSLEY  
The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — Deion Sanders, one of the NFL's greatest cornerbacks, confirmed he is considering coming out of retirement to play for the Baltimore Ravens after weeks of persuasive talks with linebacker Ray Lewis and cornerback Corey Fuller.

A decision from the seven-time Pro Bowl defender is expected within a couple of weeks, a league source said.

Sanders would take a low-key role with the Ravens, coming in as the fifth defensive back on passing situations.

"I never say never," Sanders told The Baltimore Sun in a phone interview while school shopping with his children outside Dallas. "It would be a wonderful thing if I got the opportunity to play."

According to a source close to Sanders, he still has "blazing" speed but wants to test his conditioning over the next two weeks before deciding whether to return.

The 37-year-old Sanders, who has been out of football for three seasons, will only come back if he can prove he can perform at a level consistent with what he has come to expect from himself, the source added.

# NHL labor talks yield no progress as lockout looms

BY IRA PODELL  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NHL and the players association moved no closer to a collective bargaining agreement during a five-hour meeting Tuesday. In fact, the sides took a slight detour.

During the third negotiating session in six weeks, the NHLPA formally rejected six proposed concepts put forth by the league that were discussed in the previous two meetings. Talks then shifted to a general discussion of league and specific team economics and operations.

"Today can be more fairly characterized as a side step in the process," NHLPA senior director Ted Sasaki said after a meeting in

New Jersey. "We'll have further discussions so that hopefully we can find areas where we are in agreement and build from there."

The next talks will take place two days next week in Ottawa, then resume Aug. 30 and Sept. 1 in Montreal, which will host

World Cup of Hockey games on those nights.

The current contract between the league and its players expires Sept. 15.

Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal officer, and Sasaki expressed a willingness to have regular meetings. If a deal isn't in place by Sept. 15, a lockout is expected to be imposed.

"I would not characterize today's meeting as having made any progress in any direction."

## Arbiter gives Thornton \$6.75 M

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston Bruins captain Joe Thornton was awarded a new record \$6.75 million in arbitration Tuesday for the 2004-2005 season.

The Bruins said they just honor the award, which is just short of the record \$7 million awarded to New Jersey defenseman Scott Niedermayer last week, and to Philadelphia's John LeClair four years ago.

Thornton's agent, J.P. Barry, said Thornton had sought \$8 million, while the Bruins had offered \$5.5 million, his salary last season. The team said it would not disclose its arbitration offer.

"He's pleased, he thinks it's fair for a one-year deal," Barry said Tuesday.

Thornton had 23 goals and 73 points last season, but had no points and a minus-6 rating in seven playoff games.



## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

## Silver: Minor flaws keep U.S. women from gold

## SILVER, FROM BACK PAGE

The Americans, meanwhile, sat glumly in their seats. A few clapped. Most simply stared ahead, perhaps thinking about all the wasted opportunities.

"We made small mistakes," Bela Karolyi said. "Small mistakes that are to be paid for. And we paid."

This was supposed to be a team immune to imperfection. It was hand-picked by Martha Karolyi, who carefully chose what she hoped would be the right mix of power, grace, determination and steely nerves.

Last year's world championship team won gold despite losing half of its squad to injury, an awesome display of resilience. With no setbacks, this year's team should easily have been able to match that gold.

But these are the Olympics, and there are no guarantees.

"I never stated a goal," Martha Karolyi said. "That was a major competition out there. We're happy because we pulled ourselves back up to the medal stand."

The Americans' problems began in the unlikely of places and with the unlikely of people. The uneven bars is the team's strongest event, and Patterson usually is at her best under pressure.

But as she flew from the low bar, she landed too close to the high bar and hit it at a dead stop. With no momentum, she had to muscle her way up to a handstand, but it was slow and looked awkward. With her rhythm off, she clipped the low bar on her next swing around, and even the crowd winced.

"I thought it was good she kept the routine moving and did as well as she did," U.S. coach Kelly Hill said.

But Patterson was visibly upset, and she hurried to the sideline after seeing her score of 9.287. Evgeny Marchenko, her coach, tried to console her with a pep talk and a pat on the back, but Patterson was having none of it, her lips pursed and face pinched.

"She was so successful the first day, sometimes it's just hard to keep at that level," Martha Karolyi said.

Terin Humphrey and Kupets managed to take away some of the sting with dazzling routines. Kupets, the world champion on bars in 2002, flits and flies with the ease of a bird. When she hit the mat with a solid thud, she arched her back, puffed out her chest and grinned brightly.

Her score of 9.662 lifted the Americans into first place, but it would be a fleeting stop.

After Alexandra Eremia and Poron put up the two highest scores on the balance beam, the Americans needed to be perfect to match them. Instead, they started out in a hole when Kupets was pulled from the lineup with a sore right hamstring.

Bhardwaj replaced Kupets, and she gave a clutch performance with only 10 minutes to practice. She landed three straight back handsprings, and she did a back aerial somersault from a standing position easier than most people can do a cartwheel.

"We moved up to the plate and did a phenomenal job for us," Hill said. "She anchored the team cold, and we were very excited for her to do that."



Carly Patterson had the arena rocking with her floor routine; her mistakes came later on the bars.

She made several slight errors, though, including cutting out one move after wobbling on a somersault landing — and she paid for it with a 9.4 that dropped the Americans behind the winners.

"I was a little stressed out given the amount of time I had," Bhardwaj said. "Mentally I wasn't completely prepared, but I thought I did well with what I was dealt."

The Americans had one last chance at gold but quickly gave it away.

Prancing and dancing to an infectious percussive beat, Kupets had the audience clapping along. She was grinning, clearly having fun, until it was time to do what looks like a simple dance move.

Spinning in place like a ballerina in a music box, Kupets lost her balance and stumbled out of the pirouette. The crowd gasped, her smile disappeared.

Such a little error, such a big price.

## Roddick, Williams stunned in tennis

## BY HOWARD FENDRICH

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Andy Roddick hit one last errant shot into the net and hung his head, his medal hopes over. A short while later, Venus Williams was gone, too.

In back-to-back stunners at the Olympic tennis tournament, Roddick was upset by No. 16 Fernando Gonzalez of Chile 6-4, 6-4, and defending gold medalist Williams lost to Mary Pierce of France 6-4, 6-4. Both were third-round matches.

"I'm gutted right now. It's not every day we get to play this," Roddick said. "You can't say, 'Next year.'"

Late in his match, some spectators began chanting, "Chile! Chile!" When a group of Roddick's fans responded with "U-S-A! U-S-A!," they drew bows and whistles.

For the first time since tennis returned to the Olympics as a medal sport in 1988, no U.S. woman will win a singles medal. That's because in addition to Williams' exit, No. 16 Lindsay Rubin lost to No. 2 Amelia Maesuro of France 6-3, 6-1, and Lisa Raymond was eliminated by Alicia Molik of Australia 4-6, 6-4.

"Just a pretty rough day for Americans," U.S. coach Zina Garrison said.

Some of the stick around, though. Mardy Fish got past Max Mirnyi of Belarus 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, and Taylor Dent beat Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia 6-4, 6-4 to reach the quarterfinals.

Martina Navratilova, in her first Olympics at age 47, and Raymond advanced to the doubles quarterfinals with their opponents, Mauresmo and Pierce, pulled out. Mauresmo underwent a rash from a skin allergy during her win over Rubin.

Williams, whose bid for a second straight doubles title ended in the first round, was beaten in the last game of each set against Pierce, a two-time major champion who'll face No. 1 Justine Henin-Hardenne next.

Other quarterfinalists: Mauresmo vs. No. 5 Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia, Molik vs. No. 8 Ai Sugiyama of Japan, and No. 11 Francesca Schiavone of Italy vs. No. 3 Anastasia Pavlyuchenko of Russia or Elena Dementieva of Greece.

Williams was largely her own undoing, with 51 unforced errors and five double-faults, including on match point. She said she was hampered by her sister Serena's last-minute withdrawal from the Olympics with a left knee injury.

"That was over a week ago, and in sports, that's ages ago," Venus said.

Roddick had a chance to extend his match in the final game, getting four break points, but he failed to convert any. That was a pattern throughout the match: Roddick wasted his chances, and Gonzalez converted his.

Gonzalez wallops each shot with all his force, and he was on target Wednesday, delivering 23 winners to Roddick's six.

## Olympics scoreboard

## Wednesday's scores

<b>BASEBALL</b>	
Netherlands 10, Italy 4	
Australia 9, Japan 4	
<b>BASKETBALL</b>	
Czech Republic 58, China 83	
Australia 79, Japan 78	
United States 80, South Korea 57	
<b>FIELD HOCKEY</b>	
<b>Women</b>	
China 3, Spain 0	
Netherlands 4, Germany 1	
<b>SOCCER</b>	
<b>Men</b>	
Taiwan 1, Italy 0	
Australia 5, China 0	
United States 7, Canada 0.5 (Innings)	
<b>TEAM HANDBALL</b>	
Croatia 29, South Korea 26	
United States 30, Slovenia 29	
France 26, Hungary 23	
Greece 26, Egypt 25	
<b>Volleyball</b>	
<b>Women</b>	
Dominican Republic 3, United States 2	
China 3, Serbia 0	
South Korea 3, Kenya 0 (25-16, 25-20, 25-19)	
Cuba 3, China 2 (25-19, 22-25, 25-25, 25-21, 15-13)	
Japan 3, Greece 1 (25-10, 20-25, 25-21, 25-22)	
<b>WATER POLO</b>	
<b>Men</b>	
Australia 9, Kazakhstan 4	
U.S. Olympic Team 5, United States 5	
Russia 8, Hungary 8	
Italy 7, Greece 2	

## Swimming

<b>Men</b>	
1. Pieter van den Hoogenband, Netherlands, 48.17	
2. Roland Mark Schoeman, South Africa, 49.23	
3. Ian Thorpe, Australia, 48.56	
4. Kyle Neill, South Africa, 48.53	
5. Filippo Magnini, Italy, 49.20	
6. Theodoros Drakos, Croatia, 49.23	
7. Salim Issa, Algeria, 49.30	

<b>Women</b>	
1. Andrea Knapova, Russia, 49.30	
2. Kosuke Kitajima, Japan, 49.54	
3. Daniel Gurya, Hungary, 50.60	
4. Brendan Hansen, Australia, 51.07	
5. Bogdan Borkin, Italy, 52.07	
6. Vladimir Polyakov, Kazakhstan, 52.16	
7. Mike Brown, Canada, 52.11	
8. Michael Grotz, Germany, 52.11	
9. Kiril Milosavljevic, Serbia, 52.11	
<b>Men</b>	
1. Jorijl Janssen, Czech Republic, 2:06.05	
2. Petrus Thomsen, Australia, 2:06.06	
3. Yuki Nakajima, Japan, 2:06.34	
4. Kaitlin Sanders, Lake Forest, Calif., 2:06.34	
5. Felicity Galloway, Australia, 2:09.29	
6. Michael Jacobsen, Denmark, 2:10.01	
7. David Caspell, Italy, 2:10.01	
8. Eva Ristqvist, Hungary, 2:10.38	
<b>4 x 200 Freestyle Relay</b>	
1. United States (Natalie Coughlin, Carly Popp, Dana Voloshin, Kaitlin Sanders), 7:53.14	
2. China, 7:55.97	
3. Germany, 7:57.35	
4. Australia, 7:57.40	
5. Britain, 7:59.11	
6. Spain, 8:01.25	
7. Brazil, 8:02.29	
8. San Marino, 8:08.34	

## Shooting

<b>Women</b>	
<b>5m Pistol (50 + 30)</b>	
1. Maria Grodzova, Bulgaria (585, 108.2), 688.2	
2. Lenka Kuzova, Czech Republic (583, 108.6), 687.4	
3. Lada Kostolova, Azerbaijan (588, 99.3), 687.3	
<b>Double Trap</b>	
1. Kimberly Rother, El Monte, Calif. (110, 346)	
2. Lee Bo, South Korea (110, 335), 345	
3. Gao E, China (107, 335), 342	
<b>4 x 30m Short-Off</b>	

## Fencing

<b>Women</b>	
<b>Individual Foil</b>	
1. Sylvia Grondin, Poland, def. Aida Mohamed, Egypt, 15-9, 4-6	

<b>Gold Medal</b>	
Valentina Vozzola, Italy, def. Giovanna Trillini, Italy, 15-11, 8-19	
<b>Track and Field</b>	
<b>Men</b>	
<b>Shot Put</b>	
1. Yuriy Bilion, Ukraine (21.16), 69-54	
2. Adam Nelson, Athens, Ga. (21.07), 69-54	
3. Sachin Jose, India (21.06), 69-19	
<b>Women</b>	
<b>Shot Put</b>	
1. Irina Cherkasova, Russia (21.06), 69-19	
2. Yumilei Cumbis, Cuba (21.05), 69-19	
3. Nadine Kleinerman, Germany (21.05), 64-14	
<b>Cycling</b>	
<b>Men's Time Trial</b>	
1. Tyler Hamilton, Marblehead, Mass., 57:14	
2. Viatcheslav Ekimov, Russia, 57:50.58	
3. Ruediger Juchacz, Glenwood Springs, Colo., 57:58.19	
4. Michael Rogers, Australia, 58:01.57	
5. Michael Rich, Germany, 58:09.46	
6. Alexander Vinokourov, Kazakhstan, 58:08.14	
7. Jan Ullrich, Germany, 59:04.04	
8. Santiago Botero, Ecuador, 59:04.04	
<b>Women's Time Trial</b>	
1. Leonien Zijlaard-van Moorsel, Netherlands, 31:12.3	
2. Deirdre Demet-Barr, Boulder, Colo., 31:39.62	
3. Karin Thürig, Switzerland, 31:54.89	
4. Christine Thorburn, Denver, Colo., 32:14.82	
5. Lada Kostolova, Czech Republic, 32:15.41	
6. Oenone Wood, Australia, 32:16.00	
7. Joane Somarriba, Spain, 32:25.93	
8. Zoofia Zolotareva, Russia, 32:26.08	

## Archery

<b>Women</b>	
<b>Individual Bow</b>	
<b>Bronze Medal</b>	
Allison Williams, Britain, def. Shi Chu Yan, Taiwan, 6-0	
<b>Gold Medal</b>	
Park Sung-hye, Korea, def. Lee Sung-jin, South Korea, 110-108	

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## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

## Americans pull out victory over Greece

Odom's late defensive play helps U.S. avoid further embarrassment

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN  
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — In past Olympics, defeating a mediocre team such as Greece by a mere six points would be cause for alarm for the United States.

In 2004, it's reason for a collective sigh of relief.

The U.S. men's basketball team was breathing easier Tuesday night after their first victory of the Athens Games.

A 77-71 win over the host country that rebounded once again how difficult success will be for the Gang That Can't Shoot Straight.

At 4-for-21 effort from three-point range, 13 missed free throws and 19 turnovers translated into a tough night for the Americans, who won despite Tim Duncan fouling out, Allen Iverson playing with a broken thumb and Lamar Odom fighting off severe dehydration to come up with the defensive play that ended the home team's last hope.

In other games, Spain again looked like the class of the field with an 87-76 victory over Argentina, Yao Ming scored 39 points to push China lead New Zealand 69-62, Lithuania defeated Puerto Rico 96-90, Serbia and Montenegro edged Italy 74-72 and Australia defeated Angola 83-59.

After two games, Spain (Group B) and Lithuania (Group A) are the only remaining undefeated teams. The top four teams from each six-team group advance to the quarterfinals.

The Americans' primary weakness — outside shooting — was again exploited by an opponent that needed its defense into a tight zone.

Greece had a chance to pull within two with 18 seconds left, but Odom defended the key play of the game perfectly, holding his hand steady and high and getting a piece of Dimitris Papanikolaou's layup attempt.

Odom rebounded the miss and made two free throws to lock up a victory that helped keep the United States — coming off a humbling 19-point loss to Puerto Rico — from doubling its Olympic loss total from the previous 68 years.

"We wanted to play this one and get that out of our heads," Duncan said.

The game was a spectacle in many ways, from U.S. coach Larry Brown angrily gesturing at the referees to the raucous Greek fans taunting the Americans with chants of "Puerto Rico!", singing soccer fight songs and waving blue and white flags.

"Believe it or not, I think we'll make an outside shot someday," said Brown, who again expressed anger at his players for failing to accept the different roles he needs them to play.



Allen Iverson of the United States smiles during a 77-71 victory over Greece on Tuesday at the Helliniko Indoor Arena in Athens. Iverson, who played with a broken thumb, scored 17 points.

Iverson scored 17 points, 13 of them in the first half, and Duncan had 13 of his 14 points in a third quarter in which he picked up his second, third and fourth fouls, setting the stage for a tight fourth quarter.

The Americans led 64-61 when Duncan returned with 5:46 left, and 67-63 when he fouled out some two minutes later on a questionable loose-ball foul that left him staring in disbelief and Brown pointing in anger at the official who called it.

Odom and Stephon Marbury scored inside to give the Americans breathing room, though a drive by Antonis Fotsis made it a four-point game with 1:10 left.

Carlos Boozer then came up with the Americans' biggest field goal of the night, rebounding Shawn Marion's missed three-pointer from the corner and banking it in for a 74-68 lead.

A three-pointer by Greece made it 75-71, and Boozer missed two free throws to give Greece a chance to get within two.

Odom wouldn't let it happen.

"I just tried to stay down, keep my body in front of him and make him shoot the ball over me," said Odom, who was up all night with a stomach virus and needed a 5 a.m. visit from his doctor because of dehydration. "It was able to deflect it a little bit, and that was a big play for our team."

A turnover by Greece after Odom's free throws with 15.5 seconds left finally quelled the crowd and ended the suspense. "That was the loudest arena I've ever been in," LeBron James said. "That was electrifying."



U.S. shooter Kimberly Rhode, above, edged South Korea's Lee Bo Na for the gold in women's double trap Wednesday. Rhode is a two-time gold medalist in the event, which is being dropped from the Games.

## Rhode wins double trap '96 champ takes gold again in event's final Games

BY DAVID MORDKOFF

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — American Kim Rhode won the gold medal in double trap Wednesday, staking a unique claim as the first and last winner of the Olympic event.

Rhode won the 1996 gold when double trap was introduced in the Atlanta Olympics, and she now owns the 2004 medal in the event, which is being eliminated. She won the bronze in 2000.

"It's an amazing feeling," said Rhode, of El Monte, Calif. "I don't think it's quite sunk in yet that I've won. It usually hits me when I get home."

In women's 25-meter pistol, Maria Grozdeva of Bulgaria won the gold medal, while Louka Hlykova of the Czech Republic won the silver and Irada Ashumova of

### Shooting

Azerbaijan took the bronze. Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Callahan of the U.S. Army Reserve finished tied for 19th with Yukari Konishi of Japan in the event.

Rhode and Lee Bo Na of South Korea were tied at 110 entering the 20-round final. Both hit their first four sets of targets, and soon distanced themselves from the rest of the pack. Rhode was the last shooter to miss in the final, failing to hit the second target in the 10th round.

Tied after 13 rounds, Lee missed the second target on her 14th turn, while Rhode hit both to take the lead. She did not trail again in the competition.

After hitting one of two targets on her final attempt, Rhode turned around and didn't immediately celebrate.

"I didn't really know where I stood," she said. "I wasn't too sure when I walked off because nobody cheered right away. So when they started cheering, that's when I kind of knew."

Lee finished with a 145, one shot behind Rhode, to take the silver. Gao E of China defeated countrywoman Li Qingnian in a shoot-off to win the bronze.

In double trap, competitors shoot at a pair of four-inch clay targets that exit simultaneously from two of three underground bunkers. They are allowed one shot per target.

Rhode will compete in skeet later in the Olympics, and in future Games games on shooting skeet and trap.

## Navy rower reaches finals

Lt. j.g. Nuzum, Abdullah advance in double sculls after photo finish

BY BRETT MARTEL

The Associated Press

SPINNIAS, Greece — The early success of the first black Olympic rower on the U.S. men's team and his Navy officer partner was supposed to end Wednesday.

Then came a furious comeback. And a photo finish. Now Aquil Abdullah and Lt. j.g. Henry Nuzum will be racing for a medal Saturday.

The duo finished in a dead heat with Norway for third place in their semifinal race. By sharing the last qualifying spot, they forced a rare seven-point final and gave themselves reason to believe more good things are ahead.

"If we put it all together and have a good race then there's no reason why we can't make our dreams come true and be standing there on the podium," said Abdullah, a Washington, D.C. native who played football until friends persuaded him to try rowing during his senior year of high school.

"We get better with each race" added Nuzum, who was twice deployed to Iraq as a Tomahawk missile officer. "We can keep the pattern going."

Abdullah and Nuzum started racing double sculls together this season in a sport dominated by crews with more established chemistry. Their best finish had been 10th in a World Cup race.

They certainly impressed the Norwegians, who initially were told they finished fourth.

Nils Sonnesen and Morten Adnassen tracked down the Americans to congratulate them. Sonnesen told them to "do something in the final" and threw a friendly punch to Nuzum's chest.

Norwegian team officials looked at the photo finish, thought it was inconclusive and asked for a review by FISA, rowing's governing body. Officials agreed and went with the unusual tie, allowing both boats to advance.

After a poor start that left them last in the six-point final, Abdullah and Nuzum picked up the pace



Aquil Abdullah, left, and Navy Lt. j.g. Henry Nuzum appeared to edge the team from Norway in the men's double sculls semifinals, but the photo was ruled inconclusive and both moved to the finals.

and finished the 2,000-meter race in 6 minutes, 47 seconds, within three seconds of Italy and France, the top two finishers in last year's world championships.

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## Nelson only medalist for U.S. in shot put

The Associated Press

ANCIENT OLYMPIA, Greece — Adam Nelson remained in the shot put ring for three minutes, pointing and pleading, even as Yuri Bilongov took the flag-draped victory that Nelson thought was his.

Nelson had led the entire competition, but Bilongov's final throw tied Nelson for the gold at 69 feet, 5 1/2 inches (21.16 meters). Nelson had one last chance to win, and the intense American unleashed a huge toss — but was called for his fifth consecutive foul.

Since Nelson had no other good throws and Bilongov had several, the Ukrainian won the gold Wednesday, leaving a stunned Nelson standing helplessly at the ancient site that birthed the Olympics 28 centuries ago.

Replays showed Nelson's foot clearly out of the ring. "They said I fouled. I didn't think I did, and they were right," Nelson said after the race.

It was the second straight Olympic silver medal for Nelson, a former defensive tackle at Dartmouth. Denmark's Joachim Olsen won the bronze.

Earlier Wednesday, Russia's Irina Kozhanezhnikova became the first woman to win a gold medal at the aged venue, where the first Games were held 2,780 years ago for men only.

She recorded the three longest throws of the day, including the winning toss of 69 1/2 (21.06), the best in the world this year.

The U.S. men had hoped for a medal sweep — they had the top 17 tosses in the world this year, all of them longer than Wednesday's gold-winning distance.

But two-time medalist John Godina failed to reach the final rounds. He fouled twice and fell short on his final attempt, failing to make the final eight. Reese Hoffa couldn't advance past the morning qualifying session. And

## Olympic medal roundup

Chris Cantwell, who on May 6 recorded a world-leading 73 feet, 11 1/2 inches (22.54), didn't make it past the U.S. Olympic trials.

## Cycling

**Men's individual time trial:** Tyler Hamilton won the gold, and teammate Bobby Julich picked up the bronze.

Hamilton edged defending men's time trial gold medalist Vatcheslav Ekimov of Russia by about 19 seconds, taking home the first American road gold since 1984, when Alexi Grevail won the road race in Los Angeles.

**Women's individual time trial:** Leontien Zijlhard-van Moorsel of the Netherlands — who suffered hip and shoulder injuries in a fall late in Sunday's road race — successfully defended her gold medal by covering the 14.9-mile course in 31 minutes, 11.53 seconds. American Deke Barry was 24.09 seconds back.

## Equestrian

**Team eventing:** France won the gold medal in the three-day team event after it lodged a protest against Germany.

Initial results had Germany winning the gold medal and France the silver, while Britain took bronze.

But the French team lodged a protest with judges, claiming that Bettina Hoy of Germany, riding Ringwood Cockatoo, had crossed the start line twice.

The judges agreed, docking Germany 12 points, dropping it from first place to fourth place with 147.8 points.

France finished first with 140.4 points, followed by Britain with 143.0 points. The judges' decision lifted the United States to third, and a medal, with 145.6.



**Japan's Masae Ueno, right, fights Slovenia's Rasa Sraka in the quarterfinals of women's under-70 kg judo Wednesday. Ueno went on to win the gold.**

## Archery

**Women's individual:** South Korea's Park Sung-hyun won the first Olympic gold medal at ancient Panathinaiko Stadium, beating countrywoman Lee Sang-jin in the final.

Tied at 10 after 11 shots, Park scored a 10 with her final arrow. Lee was unable to answer, scoring an 8, to give Park the gold.

## Canoe-kayak

**Men's single canoe:** If not for two seconds, Michal Martikan would have reclaimed his Olympic title from Tony Estanguet.

Estanguet won the gold medal after a post-race review gave Martikan of Slovakia a two-second penalty, making the total time for the 1996 Atlanta Games championship 189.28 seconds.

**Women's single kayak:** American Rebecca Giddens won the silver medal in the kayaking single slalom, finishing well behind Elena Kaliskis of Slovakia. Helen Reeves of Britain took the bronze.

## Judo

**Women's under 70 kg:** Two-time defending champion Masae Ueno earned Japan's fifth gold medal in 10 judo events, extending her three-year undefeated streak in major international competition.

**Men's under 90 kg:** Ueno's teammate Hiroshi Izumi moved up with silver when he was defeated in the men's 90kg title match by Zurab Zviadadze of Georgia.

## Van den Hoogenband defends 100 free title

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Pieter van den Hoogenband of the Netherlands successfully defended his Olympic 100-meter freestyle title Wednesday night.

Van den Hoogenband won the gold medal in 48.17 seconds — 13-hundredths of a second faster than his winning time at the Sydney Games four years ago.

Roland Schoeman of South Africa, who trains at the University of Arizona, took silver in 48.23. Australia's Ian Thorpe earned bronze in 48.56, despite swimming in a far outside lane because he had the slowest qualifying time.

The Dutchman, who holds the world record in the 100, earned his third medal in Athens, already has won silvers in the 200 freestyle and the 400 freestyle relay.

Thorpe won his fourth medal of these Games. He beat Van den Hoogenband for gold in the 200 freestyle, won the 400 freestyle and helped Australia to a silver medal in the 800 freestyle relay.

The United States failed to advance either of its top swimmers out of the preliminaries.

**Women's 200 butterfly:** Otylia Jedrzejczak of Poland won her third medal of the Olympics, overtaking Australia's Petria Thomas to win gold.

Thomas was under world-record pace halfway through the race, building a body-length lead, but Jedrzejczak had enough left to overtake the Aussie in the final 50. The winner touched in 2:06.05, just off her own world record of 2:05.78 two years ago.

Jedrzejczak avenged a loss to Thomas in the 100 fly, winning the first gold medal of her career.

Thomas settled for silver at 2:06.36, while Japan's Yuko Nakanishi edged out American Kaitlin Sandeno for the bronze at 2:08.04. Sandeno was just 14-hundredths of a second behind in fourth, failing to win her third

## Swimming medal of the Athens Games.

Sandeno was set to return later in the evening to anchor the U.S. 800 freestyle relay team.

Jedrzejczak is emerging as one of the biggest female stars of the Olympic swimming meet. She already had won a pair of silvers in the 400 free and 100 butterfly before winning her first career gold.

Thomas also is having a superb Olympics. Though she failed to sweep the butterfly, she did add to the two golds she's already won in the 100 fly and 400 freestyle relay.

**Women's 800 freestyle relay:** The United States smashed swimming's oldest record in winning the relay for the third consecutive Olympics.

Natalie Coughlin, Carly Piper, Dana Vollmer and Kaitlin Sandeno finished in a world-record 7 minutes, 53.42 seconds — more than 2 seconds better than the mark of 7:55.47 set 17 years to the day by the former East German. China earned silver in 7:55.97 and Germany took bronze in 7:57.35.

The United States won the event in 1996 and 2000 — the only other times it's been contested in the Olympics. The Americans also are the reigning world champions.

Piper was the only swimmer retained from the morning preliminaries, when the Americans had the fastest time. Lindsay Benko, Rhi Jeffrey and Rachel Komisarz earned gold medals, too, for their preliminary swims.

**Men's 200 breaststroke:** Japan's Kosuke Kitajima won gold, completing a sweep of the breaststroke events. Kitajima won in 2:09.44 seconds, ahead of 15-year-old Hungarian Daniel Gyurta and American Brendan Hansen.

## Greek sprinters Kenteris, Thanou withdraw from Games

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Greek sprinters Kostas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou pulled out of the Athens Games on Wednesday, a week after they missed a drug test and were later hospitalized following a suspicious motorcycle crash.

"I'm withdrawing from the Olympics," Kenteris said after meeting with the International Olympic Committee's disciplinary commission.

He also said he cut ties with his coach, Christos Tsokos, who had been suspended by the Greek Olympic Committee, along with the two runners.

The IOC's executive board went ahead with its hearing despite the runners' announcement and later decided to refer the case to the International Association

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tion of Athletics Federations. The IAAF will discuss the case Aug. 26 but will not rule until well after the Games, said Arne Ljungqvist, the group's anti-doping chief.

The IOC referred the case to the sport's governing body because any immediate sanctions became a "moot point" when the athletes withdrew from the Olympics. IOC spokeswoman Giselle Davies said.

Kenteris, the reigning 200-meter Olympic champion, is the country's most celebrated athlete and was Greece's best hope for gold in track at the Athens Games. He was considered a leading candidate to light the Olympic cauldron during the opening cere-

mony, but a Greek windsurfing champion got the honor instead. Thanou was the 100-meter silver medalist in Sydney four years ago.

The IOC commission has been looking into why the two athletes missed a drug test in the Olympic village last Thursday. A few hours later, they were taken to a hospital with cuts and bruises after they said their motorcycle skidded on a road. The police are investigating.

**Tutu-cad Canadian gets five months for Olympic plunge**

ATHENS, Greece — A Tutu-cad Canadian who jumped into the Olympic diving pool after a competition was convicted Wednesday of interrupting the Games and sentenced to five months in jail. He was released

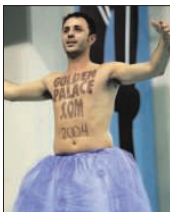
pending an appeal.

Ron Bensimmon, 31, of Montreal, jumped off the 3-meter springboard at the diving venue Monday night wearing a blue tutu and white tight-fitting polka dots.

"I didn't think what I did was so serious. I won't do it again," he told the judge.

Bensimmon had what looked like an advertisement for an Internet casino written across his chest but denied staging the stunt for money. He told the court he wanted to honor legendary Greek marathon runner Spyros Louis, who won gold in the first modern Olympics in 1896.

In March, Bensimmon disrupted the world figure skating championships in Dortmund, Germany, when he skated onto the ice and donned a tutu as defending champion Michelle Kwan was about to perform. Painted on his chest was the name of a Web site.



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# SPORTS

## Settling for silver

### U.S. women pay big price for few small mistakes

BY NANCY ARMOUR  
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The mistakes were so minor. The kind of errors only judges see.

Carly Patterson's foot grazing the lower of the uneven bars. Courtney Kupets' twirl ending here instead of there. Mohini Bhargava's little-bitty wobble on the beam.

Little things, but added together they cost the U.S. gymnastics team valuable fractions of points and, ultimately, an Olympic gold medal.

Done in as much by their own sloppiness as Romania's sheer superiority, the Americans settled for silver Tuesday night.

"Things happen," Kupets said. "It's disappointing. But what are you going to do?"

Romania finished with 114.283 points, beating the Americans by more than a half-point for its second straight Olympic gold.

Russia, never a factor even with diva Svetlana Khorkina prancing and preening, won the bronze.

Silver is hardly anything to be ashamed of, of course. The U.S. men won one Monday night and were positively giddy. And it's far better than leaving empty-handed, which the U.S. women did in Sydney for the first time since 1976.

But these women are world champions, winners of every international meet they've entered since 2002 and perhaps the best team the United States has ever put on the floor. This was supposed to be their coronation.

Instead, they watched somberly as the Romanians parted on the floor.

"I'm happy because these children have a crown, a medal," Romanian coach Octavi-



American Courtney Kupets, above, reacts after her strong uneven bars routine during the women's gymnastics team final, but it wasn't enough for the favored U.S. women to win gold as members of the team (top) watched the Romanians wrap up the title on the floor exercise.

an Belu said.

Patterson closed out the Americans' night with a saucy, sassy floor routine that had the Olympic Indoor Hall rocking. But the Romanians, who finished second to the United States at last summer's world championships, needed to average only 9.35 points per routine to catch the Americans.

Easily done.

Daniela Sofronie soared above the floor on her tumbling passes, flying so high fans sitting in the first few rows had to look up to see her.

Catalina Ponor, the final Romanian, brought the crowd to its feet with one of the finest routines of the night. Her team-

mates were already hugging each other and crying when her music stopped, and Ponor sprinted off the mat with a grin on her face. Even Bela Karolyi, whose wife Martha is now the U.S. team coordinator, had to applaud.

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#### Medal count

Leaders after 69 medal events in the 2004 Olympics on Wednesday, Aug. 18

Country	G	S	B	Total
United States	9	10	8	27
China	11	7	4	22
Australia	6	4	6	16
Russia	3	6	6	15
Japan	8	2	13	23
France	3	3	4	10
Italy	3	4	2	9

## Teixeira hits for cycle, leads Rangers to rout

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